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**Athena System Manual**

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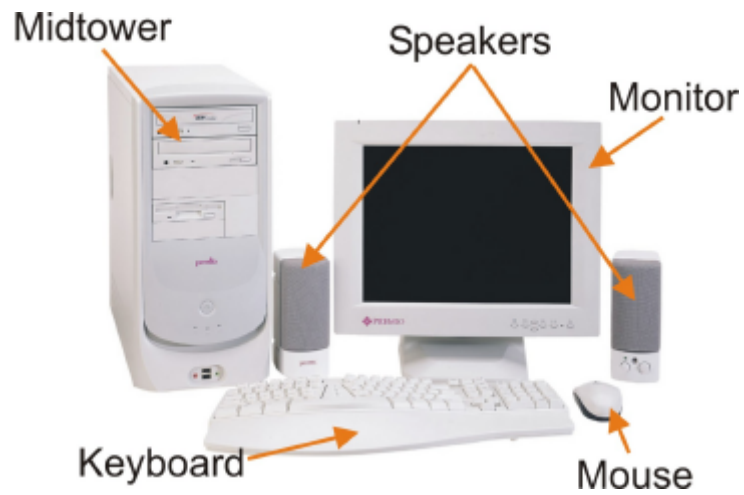
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# Getting Started

Your PREMIO® Athena system typically consists of five main components:

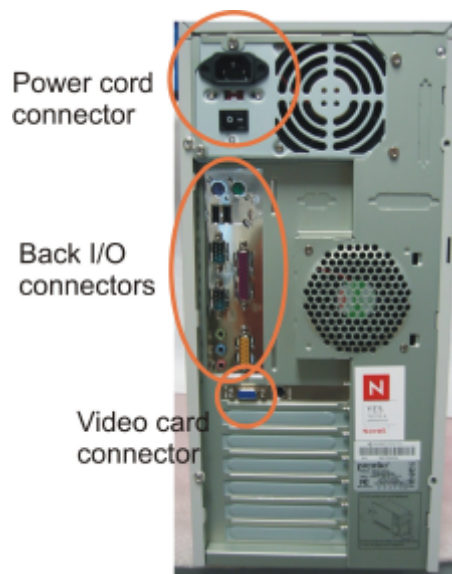
- Midtower
- Monitor
- Speakers
- Keyboard
- Mouse



Depending on which components you've ordered with your Athena system, the components shown in the picture above may vary.

## Setting Up

To set up your Athena system, simply connect your monitor, mouse, keyboard, and speakers to the rear of the midtower.



1. Connect the female end of the power cord to the chassis power cord connector, and then connect the male end of the power cord to your wall outlet or power strip
2. Connect the keyboard, mouse, speakers (if any) to the back I/O connectors (see next page for details)
3. Connect your monitor to the video card connector

## Connecting Your Keyboard, Mouse, and Speakers

The picture below is an enlarged view of the back I/O connectors.



The keyboard, mouse, and speakers connectors are color coded for your reference. Simply connect your keyboard to the purple keyboard connector, and your mouse to the green mouse connector.

Next, connect your speakers to the light-green connector; this is assuming you are using the **onboard audio**. If you have an add-on audio card, please consult the manual for the location of the speakers connector.

## Connecting Your Monitor

The next step is to connect your monitor to your video card. See picture below for the location of the video card connector.



Once everything is connected, you can now turn on your monitor and system. See the next page for the location of the midtower's power switch.



## Switches and Indicators

The system unit's front panel provides access to the CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or CD-RW and floppy drives, and to the system's switches and indicator LEDs.



- The **CD/DVD/CDRW drive** reads information on CDs or DVDs
- The **floppy disk drive** reads and writes data to 3.5" 1.44MB floppy disks
- The **power switch** turns the system on and off
- The **hard disk drive (HDD) LED** lights when the HDD is in use
- The **power LED** lights when the system is on
- The **reset switch** restarts the system in the event of a hardware lockup
- The **microphone connector** allows you to connect a microphone for audio input
- The **headphone connector** allows you to connect a standard headphone
- The **USB ports** allows you to connect USB devices such as printers, digital cameras, scanners, etc.

## Upgrading

You can upgrade your PREMIO system with:

- Expansion cards
- Additional system memory
- Additional hard disk drive

To install an upgrade, you must open the system unit. Before proceeding, read the important cautionary note below. Then follow the steps on the next page.

**Caution!** *Static discharge can cause permanent damage to internal electronic components of your computer. Always use the following precautions when working inside the system unit:*

- **Avoid working in an area with carpeted floor**
- **Touch the back of the midtower's power supply first**
- **Wear a grounding wrist strap (available at most electronics stores) when handling electronic components**
- **Do not remove a component from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it**

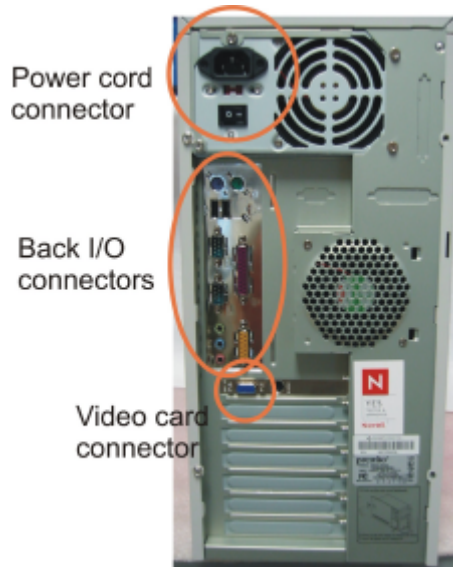
## Opening the System Unit

**Note** *Opening the system unit could affect your warranty. Check with the dealer where you purchased your system before opening the system unit.*

To open the system unit, you will need a standard philips (the cross head, not the flat head) screwdriver:



Turn off the system and unplug the power cord from the power cord connector (see picture below):



Next, using the screwdriver, remove the two screws as shown in the picture below.



Once the two screws are removed, you can simply slide the side cover off by pulling it towards you.

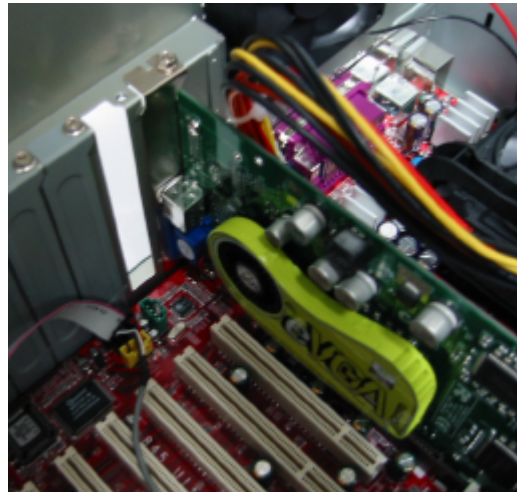
## **Closing the System Unit**

To close the unit, slide the side panel back on and reinstall the two screws.

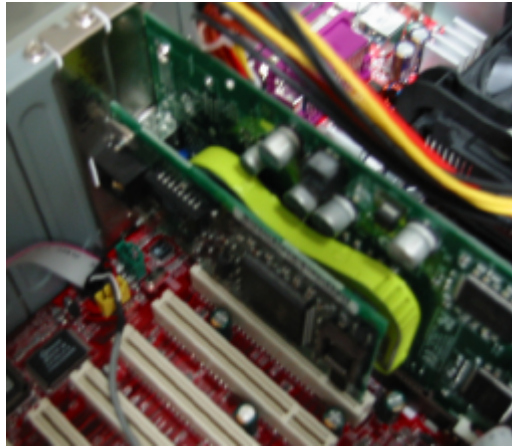
## Installing an Expansion Card

To install an expansion card, open the system unit as described on the previous page.

Next, remove the screw securing the slot bracket cover for the expansion slot you want to use. Then remove the slot bracket and install your expansion card. Save the screw to secure the expansion card later. You should also keep the slot bracket, in case you wish to remove the expansion card later in then future.



Insert the expansion card firmly into the slot, making sure it is seated completely. Then install the screw onto the expansion card.



## **Installing Additional Memory**

For details on memory configuration, including the placement and type of memory to use in your system, please refer to the motherboard user's manual that came with your system.



## **Installing an Additional Hard Disk Drive**

To install an additional hard disk drive in your system, follow these steps:

- Disconnect the hard drive cable and power connector.
- Remove the two screws securing the drive bay.
- Slide the bay toward the rear of the system unit to remove it.
- Insert the new drive into an open position in the bay and secure it with four screws.
- Slide the bay back into the system unit and secure it with two screws.
- Connect the cables.

# Getting Help

## Troubleshooting

Your PREMIO system is designed to provide years of trouble-free performance. If you have a problem with your system, first check the information in this section for a quick solution.

## Monitor Does Not Work

If your monitor appears not to be working properly:

Check that the monitor's power cable is securely attached to the monitor and to an outlet that is receiving power.

Check that the monitor's video cable is securely attached to the monitor and to the system unit's video card connector.

Check that the monitor's power switch is on.

Adjust the monitor's brightness and contrast controls.

If possible, substitute another monitor that is in good working order. If the substitute works, your monitor may need repair or replacement.

## Keyboard Does Not Work

If the NumLock indicator in the upper right corner of the keyboard does not light when the system powers up, or the keyboard does not work:

Check that the keyboard cable is securely attached to the system unit's keyboard connector.

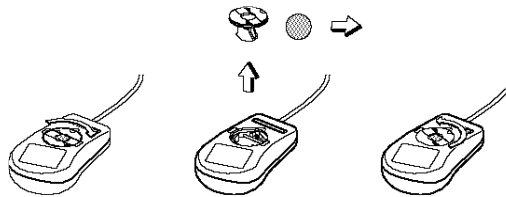
If possible, substitute another keyboard that is in good working order. If the substitute works, your keyboard may need replacement.

## Mouse Does Not Work

If your mouse pointer does not move or moves erratically when you move the mouse:

Check that the mouse cable is securely attached to the mouse connector on the system unit.

Disassemble the mouse and clean the roller ball. (This does not apply if you have an optical mouse.)



## System Unit Problems

The fan inside the system unit should make a low, steady sound when operating properly. If the fan is totally silent:

- Check that the system power cord is securely attached to the back of the system unit and to a power outlet. Verify that the outlet has power.
- If possible, substitute another power cord that is in good working order. If the substitute works, replace your power cord.
- If the fan makes excessive noise:
- Turn off the system, open the system unit case, and inspect the fan for any obstructions.
- Turn on the system and listen closely to the fan. If the noise comes from inside the fan housing, your power supply may need replacement.

## Hard Disk Problems

Your hard disk should make a slight whirring sound when operating properly. If the disk is totally silent:

- Turn off the system, open the system unit case, and check that the power cable between the power supply and the hard disk is securely attached at both ends. If it is, your hard disk may be defective.
- If the hard disk makes excessive noise:
- Turn off the system, open the system unit case, and remove the hard disk power cable connector from the hard disk. Then turn the system back on. If the noise disappears, your hard disk may be defective.

## Warranty Service

If you have a problem with your PREMIO system that requires service during the warranty period, contact the dealer where you purchased your system. Your dealer will try to resolve the problem for you. If your dealer cannot resolve the problem, you can contact PREMIO directly at the address below.

**Note** *To obtain warranty service, you must provide proof of purchase, including the purchase date.*

## Technical Support

You can contact PREMIO technical support at the following address:

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City of Industry, CA 91748

Telephone: 800-568-6388

Fax: 626-839-3191

Email: [support@premiopc.com](mailto:support@premiopc.com)

## PREMIO on the Internet

PREMIO maintains a web page on the Internet with the latest information on PREMIO products, updated drivers, answers to common problems, an extensive component troubleshooting guide, and more. Visit our web page at:

<http://www.premiopc.com>

# Appendix

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## Limited 3-Year Warranty

Premio Computer, Inc. warrants its line of PREMIO® computer systems (hereinafter "Product") to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of three (3) years from the date of original purchase from Premio Computer, Inc. or a Premio Computer, Inc. authorized reseller. This warranty does not cover monitor and LCD panels, nor third-party hardware and software which has a separate manufacturer's warranty. Warranty for such third-party hardware and software, if any, is subject to the third-party's warranty policy.

PREMIO branded monitors are warranted as follows:

- Three (3) year parts and labor except for CRT
- One (1) year parts and labor for CRT

PREMIO branded LCD panels are warranted as follows:

- One (1) year parts and labor

### **SERVICE UNDER WARRANTY**

If this Product fails to be in good working order during this 3-year warranty period (or specific period of time as noted above), Premio Computer, Inc. will, at its option, repair or replace the Product. Repair parts and/or replacement Products may be either new or reconditioned at Premio Computer Inc.'s discretion. The limited warranty does not include service to repair damage from improper installation, abuse or modifications to the Product not approved in writing by Premio Computer, Inc. Any service repair outside the scope of this limited warranty shall be at Premio Computer, Inc.'s or its Authorized Service Provider's rates and terms in effect.

This warranty is valid only within the United States and applies only to Products which are new and in cartons which are unopened on the date of purchase.

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## FCC Standards

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) restricts the amount of radiation and radio frequency emissions from computing equipment.

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly in strict accordance with the operation instructions, reference manuals, and the service manual, may cause interference to radio or television reception.

This equipment can be tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, then the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following procedures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help



## Important Safety Instructions

These instructions are provided by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

1. Read all of these instructions and save them for later reference.
2. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
3. Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
4. Do not use this product near water.
5. Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand or table. The product may fall, causing serious damage to the product.
6. Slots and openings on the cabinet and the back or bottom are provided for ventilation. To ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, do not block or cover these openings. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation unless proper ventilation is provided.
7. This product should be operated from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.
8. This product is equipped with a 3-wire grounding-type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin. This plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type plug.
9. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this product where the cord will be walked on.
10. If an extension cord is used with this product, make sure that the total of the ampere ratings on the products plugged into the extension cord do not exceed the extension cord ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total of all products plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed 15 amperes.
11. Never push objects of any kind into this product through cabinet slots as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a risk of fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
12. Except as explained elsewhere in this manual, don't attempt to service this product yourself. Opening and removing those covers that are marked "Do Not Remove" may expose you to dangerous

voltage points or other risks. Refer all servicing on those compartments to service personnel.

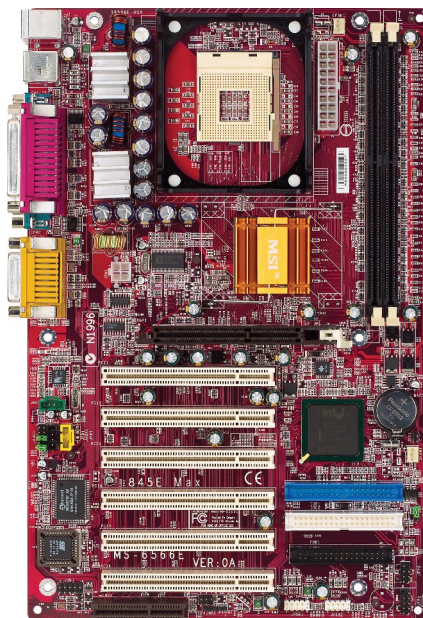
13. Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
  - A. When the power cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
  - B. If liquid has been spilled into the product.
  - C. If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
  - D. If the product does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions since improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to normal operation.
  - E. If the product has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged.
  - F. If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.

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## 845E Max

### MS-6566E (v1.X) ATX Mainboard



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### **FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

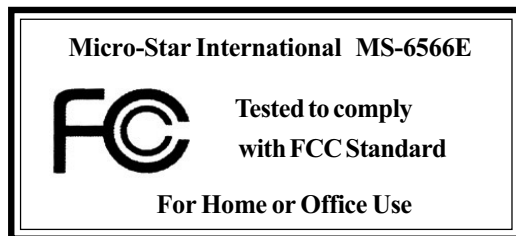
#### **Notice 1**

The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### **Notice 2**

Shielded interface cables and A.C. power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

**VOIR LA NOTICE D'INSTALLATION AVANT DE RACCORDER AU RESEAU.**



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## Safety Instructions

1. Read the safety instructions carefully.
2. Save this User's Guide for possible use later.
3. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
4. Lay this equipment on a stable and flat surface before setting it up.
5. The openings on the enclosure are used for air convection and to prevent the equipment from overheating. Note: Do not cover the openings.
6. Make sure that the power voltage is within its safety range and has been adjusted properly to the value of 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
7. Place the power cord in a way that people are unlikely to step on it. Do not place anything on the power cord.
8. Always unplug the power cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
9. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
10. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage the equipment or cause an electrical shock.
11. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
  - the power cord or plug is damaged
  - liquid has penetrated into the equipment
  - the equipment has been exposed to moisture
  - the equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Guide
  - the equipment was dropped and damaged
  - the equipment has obvious signs of breakage
12. Do not leave the equipment in an unconditioned environment with a storage temperature of 60° C (140°F) or above, which may damage the equipment.



**CAUTION:** To prevent explosion caused by improper battery replacement, use the same or equivalent type of battery recommended by the manufacturer only.

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# Getting Started **1**

Thank you for purchasing the MSI 845E Max (MS-6566E v1.X) ATX mainboard. The MSI 845E Max is based on Intel® 845E & ICH4 chipsets for optimal system efficiency. Designed to fit the advanced Intel® Pentium® 4 processors in the 478 pin package, the 845E Max delivers a high performance and professional desktop platform solution.

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## Mainboard Specification

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### CPU

- Support Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in 478 pin package
  - Support 1.3GHz to 2.4GHz or higher speed\* P4 processor
- \*No test has been conducted on higher speed processors.

### Chipset

- Intel® 845E chipset (593 FC-BGA)
  - Support 400/533 MHz Intel® NetBurst micro-architecture bus
  - Support AGP 4x slot (1.5V only)
  - Support 100/133MHz FSB
- Intel® ICH4 chipset (360BGA)
  - 2 full IDE channels, up to ATA 100
  - AC'97 Controller Integrated
  - Low pin count interface for SIO

### Main Memory

- Support max. of 2 double-sided DIMMs with unbuffered DDR 200/266
- The largest memory capacity possible is 2GB

### Slots

- One AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) 4x slot (1.5V only)
- Six PCI 2.2v 32-bit Master PCI bus slots
- One CNR (Communication Network Riser) slot

### On-Board IDE

- An IDE controller on the ICH4 chipset provides IDE HDD/CD-ROM with PIO, Bus Master and Ultra DMA66/100 operation modes
- Can connect up to four IDE devices.

### On-Board Peripherals

- On-board Peripherals include:
  - 1 floppy port supports 2 FDD with 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88Mbytes
  - 2 serial ports (COM A + COM B)
  - 1 parallel port supports SPP/EPP/ECP mode
  - 6 ports USB 2.0 (Rear x 2 / Front x 4)
  - 1 Line-In/Line-Out/Mic-In/Game port

**Audio(optional)**

- ICH4 chip integrated
- AC'97 codec supports 2 channel Audio (Realtek ALC202A)

**Onboard Intel LAN(optional)**

- ICH4 + 82562ET Integrated

**BIOS**

- The mainboard BIOS provides “Plug & Play” function which detects the peripherals devices and expansion cards of the board automatically
- The mainboard provides a Desktop Management Interface (DMI) function which records your mainboard specifications

**Dimension**

- ATX Form Factor 30.5cm x 20cm

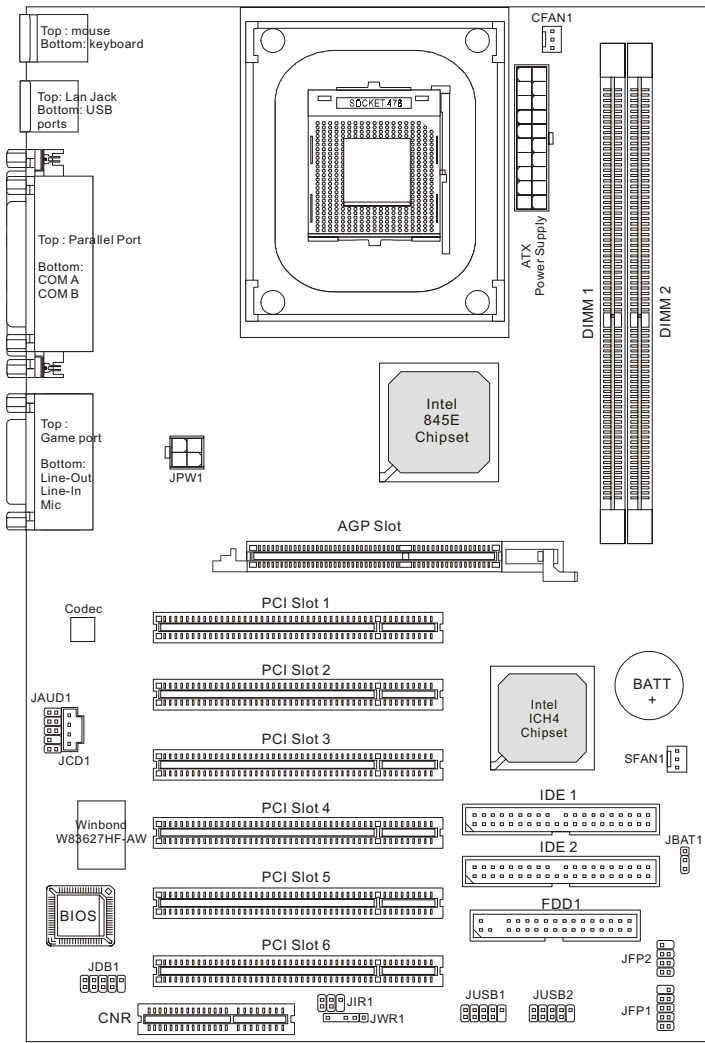
**Mounting**

- 6 mounting holes

**Others**

- PC 2001 compliant
- Support WOL/WOR
- Support STR/STD
- Vcore & Vio adjustable

# Mainboard Layout



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## Quick Components Guide

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Component	Function	Reference
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## MSI Special Features

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### Fuzzy Logic™ III

The Fuzzy Logic™ III utility allows users to overclock the CPU FSB (Front Side Bus) frequency under the Windows operating system. Select the CPU frequency you prefer and click **Go** to apply the new setup value or click **Save** to allow the system running at the specified frequency each time when you click **Turbo**. If you want to know the maximal CPU overclocking value, click **Auto** to start testing. The CPU FSB will automatically increase the testing value until the PC reboots. After rebooting, click **Turbo** to apply the test result.

In the latest Fuzzy Logic™ III utility, we have added two new functions, **AGP Ratio** and **Adjust CPU Vcore**.

To enable the new function, **AGP Ratio**, select the AGP ratio check box and the utility will automatically adjust the AGP ratio and overclock to a higher frequency.

The other function, **Adjust CPU Vcore**, allows you to adjust the CPU Vcore for a more stable voltage control and better overclocking effects.



#### Features:

- Display Current System Status
  - CPU Fan
  - CPU Temp.
  - Vcore/Vio
  - Memory/CPU/AGP/PCI Clock
- Adjust CPU FSB Frequency
- Adjust AGP Ratio (applicable only if CPU clock generator supports this function)
- Adjust CPU Vcore

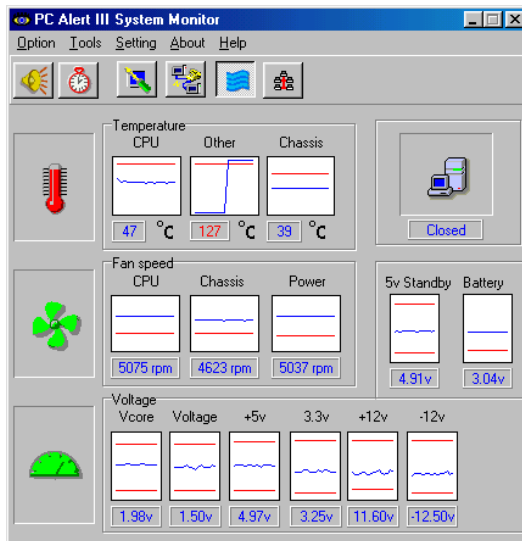
## PC Alert™ III

The PC Alert™ III is a utility you can find in the CD-ROM disk. The utility is just like your PC doctor that can detect the following PC hardware status during real time operation:

- \* monitor CPU & system temperatures
- \* monitor fan speed(s)
- \* monitor system voltage
- \* monitor chassis intrusion



If one of the items above is abnormal, the program main screen will be immediately shown on the screen, with the abnormal item highlighted in red. This will continue to be shown until users disable the warning.



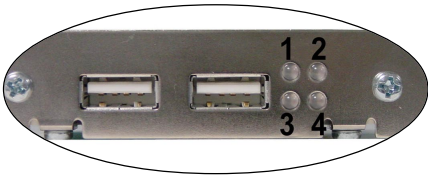
**Note:** Items shown on PC Alert III vary depending on your system's status.



D-Bracket™ 2 (optional)

D-Bracket™ 2 is an external USB bracket integrating four Diagnostic LEDs, which use graphic signal display to help users understand their system. The LEDs provide up to 16 combinations of signals to debug the system. The 4 LEDs can debug all problems that fail the system, such as VGA, RAM or other failures. This special feature is very useful for the overclocking users. These users can use the feature to detect if there are any problems or failures. D-Bracket™ 2 supports both USB 1.1 & 2.0 spec.











D-Bracket™ 2



● Red

○ Green

D-Bracket™ 2	Description
<div>1 ● ● 2</div> <div>3 ● ● 4</div>	Processor Initialization - This will show information regarding the processor (like brand name, system bus, etc...)
<div>○ ●</div> <div>● ●</div>	Early Chipset Initialization
<div>● ○</div> <div>● ●</div>	Memory Detection Test - Testing onboard memory size. The D-LED will hang if the memory module is damaged or not installed properly.
<div>○ ○</div> <div>● ●</div>	Decompressing BIOS image to RAM for fast booting.
<div>● ●</div> <div>○ ●</div>	Initializing Keyboard Controller.
<div>○ ●</div> <div>○ ●</div>	Testing VGA BIOS - This will start writing VGA sign-on message to the screen.

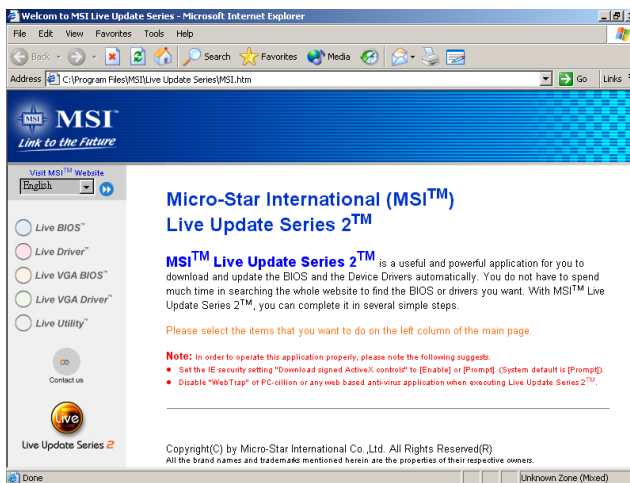
D-Bracket™ 2	Description
	<p>Processor Initialization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will show information regarding the processor (like brand name, system bus, etc...)</li> </ul>
	<p>Testing RTC (Real Time Clock)</p>
	<p>Initializing Video Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will start detecting CPU clock, checking type of video onboard. Then, detect and initialize the video adapter.</li> </ul>
	<p>BIOS Sign On</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will start showing information about logo, processor brand name, etc...</li> </ul>
	<p>Testing Base and Extended Memory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Testing base memory from 240K to 640K and extended memory above 1MB using various patterns.</li> </ul>
	<p>Assign Resources to all ISA.</p>
	<p>Initializing Hard Drive Controller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will initialize IDE drive and controller.</li> </ul>
	<p>Initializing Floppy Drive Controller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will initialize Floppy Drive and controller.</li> </ul>
	<p>Boot Attempt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will set low stack and boot via INT 19h.</li> </ul>
	<p>Operating System Booting</p>

### Live BIOS™/Live Driver™

The Live BIOS™/Live Driver™ is a tool used to detect and update your BIOS/drivers online so that you don't need to search for the correct BIOS/driver version throughout the whole Web site. To use the function, you need to install the "MSI Live Update Series 2" application. After the installation, the "MSI Live Update Series 2" icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen.



Double click the "MSI Live Update Series 2" icon, and the following screen will appear:



Five buttons are placed on the leftmost pane of the screen. Click the desired button to start the update process.


- **Live BIOS** – Updates the BIOS online.
- **Live Driver** – Updates the drivers online.
- **Live VGA BIOS** – Updates the VGA BIOS online.
- **Live VGA Driver** – Updates the VGA driver online.
- **Live Utility** – Updates the utilities online.

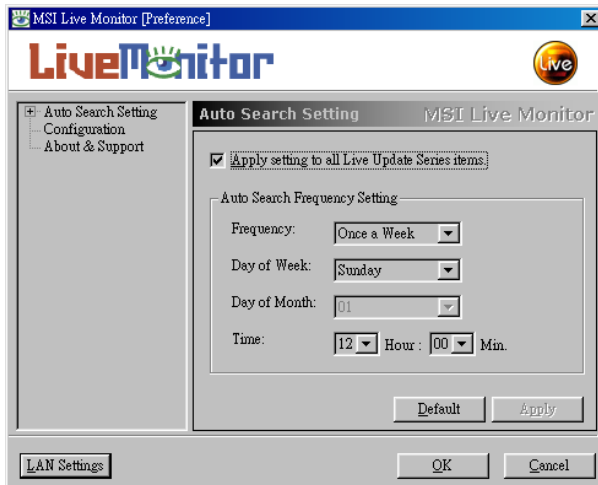
If the product you purchased does not support any of the functions listed above, a "sorry" message is displayed. For more information on the update instructions, insert the companion CD and refer to the "Live Update Series Guide" under the "Manual" Tab.

## Live Monitor™

The Live Monitor™ is a tool used to schedule the search for the latest BIOS/drivers version on the MSI Web site. To use the function, you need to install the “MSI Live Update Series 2” application. After the installation, the “MSI Live Monitor” icon (as shown on the right) will appear on the screen. Double click this icon to run the application.



Double click the “MSI Live Monitor” icon  at the lower-right corner of the taskbar, and the following dialog box will appear. You can specify how often the system will automatically search for the BIOS/drivers version, or change the LAN settings right from the dialog box.



You can right-click the MSI Live Monitor icon  to perform the functions listed below:

- **Auto Search** – Searches for the BIOS/drivers version you need immediately.
- **View Last Result** – Allows you to view the last search result if there is any.
- **Preference** – Configures the Search function, including the Search schedule.
- **Exit** – Exits the Live Monitor™ application.

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# *Hardware Setup* 2

This chapter provides you with the information about hardware setup procedures. While doing the installation, be careful in holding the components and follow the installation procedures. For some components, if you install in the wrong orientation, the components will not work properly.

Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. Static electricity may damage the components.

**TOPICS**

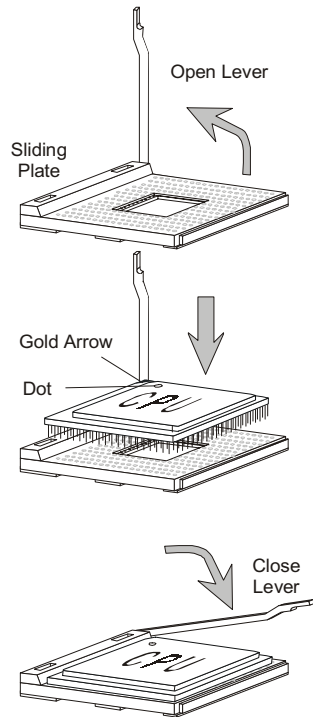
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## Central Processing Unit: CPU

The mainboard supports Intel® Pentium® 4 processor in the 478 pin package. The mainboard uses a CPU socket called PGA478 for easy CPU installation. When you are installing the CPU, **make sure the CPU has a heat sink and a cooling fan attached on the top to prevent overheating.** If you do not find the heat sink and cooling fan, contact your dealer to purchase and install them before turning on the computer.

### CPU Installation Procedures

1. Pull the lever sideways away from the socket. Then, raise the lever up to a 90-degree angle.
2. Look for the gold arrow. The gold arrow should point towards the lever pivot. The CPU will only fit in the correct orientation.
3. Hold the CPU down firmly, and then close the lever to complete the installation.



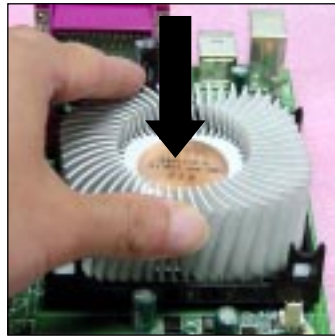
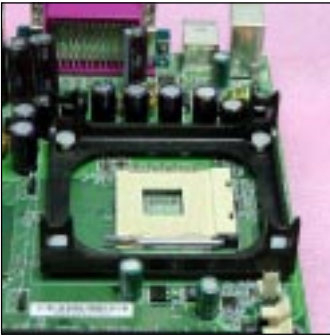
**WARNING!**

*Overheating will seriously damage the CPU and system, always make sure the cooling fan can work properly to protect the CPU from overheating.*

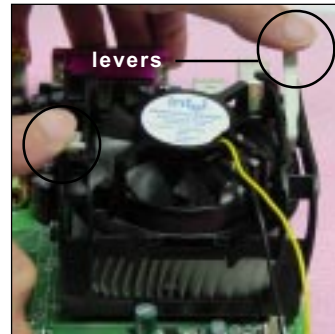
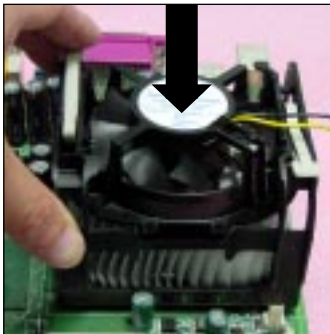
## Installing the CPU Fan

As processor technology pushes to faster speeds and higher performance, thermal management becomes increasingly important. To dissipate heat, you need to attach the CPU cooling fan and heatsink on top of the CPU. Follow the instructions below to install the Heatsink/Fan:

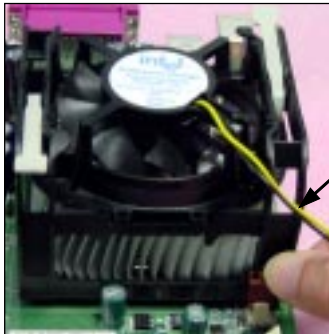
1. Locate the CPU and its retention mechanism on the motherboard.  
retention mechanism
2. Position the heatsink onto the retention mechanism.



3. Mount the fan on top of the heatsink. Press down the fan until its four clips get wedged in the holes of the retention mechanism.
4. Press the two levers down to fasten the fan. Each lever can be pressed down in only ONE direction.



5. Connect the fan power cable from the mounted fan to the 3-pin fan power connector on the board.



fan power cable

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## CPU Core Speed Derivation Procedure

<b>If</b>	<u>CPU Clock</u>	=	100MHz
	<u>Core/Bus ratio</u>	=	14
<b>then</b>	<u>CPU core speed</u>	=	<u>Host Clock x Core/Bus ratio</u>
		=	100MHz x 14
		=	1.4GHz



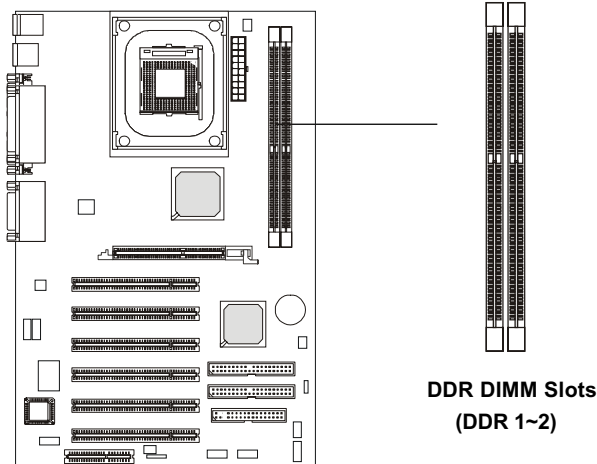
### ***Overclocking***

*This motherboard is designed to support overclocking. However, please make sure your components are able to tolerate such abnormal setting, while doing overclocking. Any attempt to operate beyond product specifications is not recommended. **We do not guarantee the damages or risks caused by inadequate operation or beyond product specifications.***



## Memory

The mainboard provides 2 slots for 184-pin, 2.5V unbuffered DDR DIMM with 4 memory banks. You can install PC1600/PC2100 DDR SDRAM modules on the DDR DIMM slots (DDR 1~2). To operate properly, at least one DIMM module must be installed.



### Introduction to DDR SDRAM

DDR (Double Data Rate) SDRAM is similar to conventional SDRAM, but doubles the rate by transferring data twice per cycle. It uses 2.5 volts as opposed to 3.3 volts used in SDR SDRAM, and requires 184-pin DIMM modules rather than 168-pin DIMM modules used by SDR SDRAM. High memory bandwidth makes DDR an ideal solution for high performance PC, workstations and servers.

DDR Module Combination

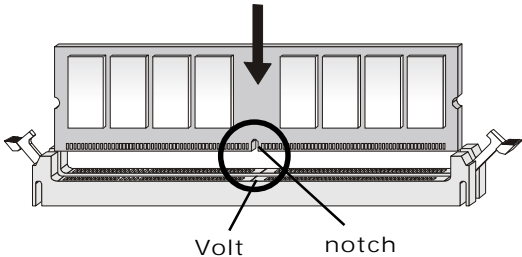
You can install either single-sided or double-sided 184-pin DDR DIMM modules into DDR DIMM slots to meet your needs. Different from the SDR DIMM, the DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The number of pins on either side of the breaks are different. The module will only fit in the right orientation.

You can install memory modules in any combination as follows:

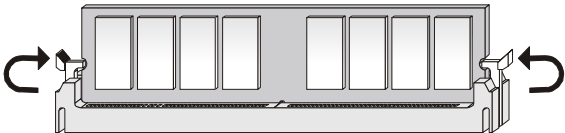
Slot	Momory Module	Total Memory
Slot 1 (Bank 0 & 1)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Slot 2 (Bank 2 & 3)	64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 1GB	64MB~1GB
Maximum System Memory Supported		64MB~2GB

Installing DDR Modules

- 1. The DDR DIMM has only one notch on the center of module. The module will only fit in the right orientation.
- 2. Insert the DIMM memory module vertically into the DIMM slot. Then push it in.



- 3. The plastic clip at each side of the DIMM slot will automatically close.



# Power Supply

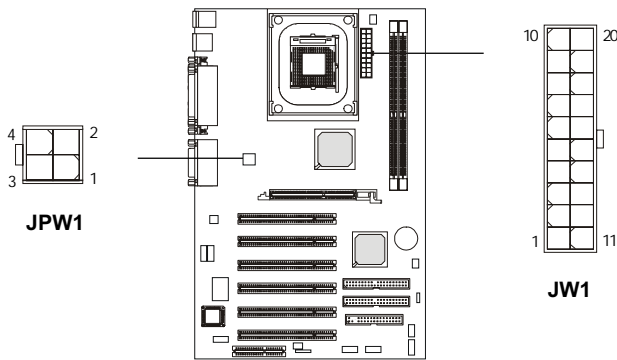
The mainboard supports ATX power supply for the power system. Before inserting the power supply connector, always make sure that all components are installed properly to ensure that no damage will be caused.

## ATX 20-Pin Power Connector: JW1

This connector allows you to connect to an ATX power supply. To connect to the ATX power supply, make sure the plugs of the power supply is inserted in the proper orientation and the pins are aligned. Then push down the power supply firmly into the connector. The power connector supports **instant power on** function which means that system will boot up immediately when the power supply connector is inserted on the board.

## ATX 12V Power Connector: JPW1

This 12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.



JPW1 Pin Definition

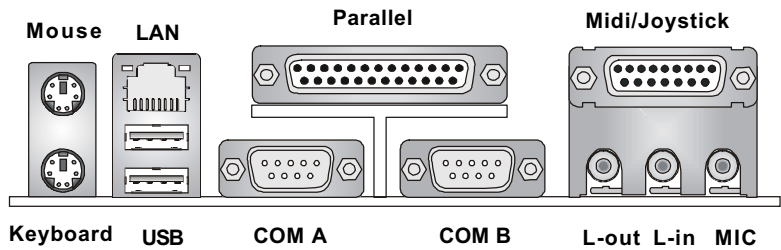
PIN	SIGNAL
1	GND
2	GND
3	12V
4	12V

JW1 Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	PIN	SIGNAL
1	3.3V	11	3.3V
2	3.3V	12	-12V
3	GND	13	GND
4	5V	14	PS_ON
5	GND	15	GND
6	5V	16	GND
7	GND	17	GND
8	PW_OK	18	-5V
9	5V_SB	19	5V
10	12V	20	5V

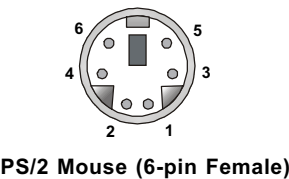
# Back Panel

The Back Panel provides the following connectors:



## Mouse Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse. You can plug a PS/2<sup>®</sup> mouse directly into this connector. The connector location and pin assignments are as follows:

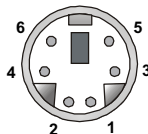


Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Mouse DATA	Mouse DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Mouse Clock	Mouse clock
6	NC	No connection

Keyboard Connector: JKBMS1

The mainboard provides a standard PS/2® keyboard mini DIN connector for attaching a PS/2® keyboard. You can plug a PS/2® keyboard directly into this connector.



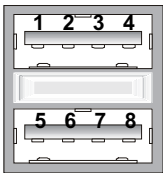
PS/2 Keyboard (6-pin Female)

Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Keyboard DATA	Keyboard DATA
2	NC	No connection
3	GND	Ground
4	VCC	+5V
5	Keyboard Clock	Keyboard clock
6	NC	No connection

USB Connectors

The mainboard provides a UHCI (Universal Host Controller Interface) Universal Serial Bus root for attaching USB devices such as keyboard, mouse or other USB-compatible devices. You can plug the USB device directly into this connector.



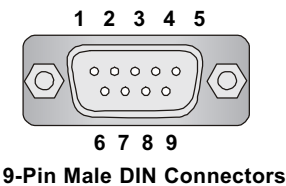
USB Ports

USB Port Description

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	VCC	+5V
2	-Data 0	Negative Data Channel 0
3	+Data0	Positive Data Channel 0
4	GND	Ground
5	VCC	+5V
6	-Data 1	Negative Data Channel 1
7	+Data 1	Positive Data Channel 1
8	GND	Ground

## Serial Port Connector: COM A & COM B

The mainboard offers two 9-pin male DIN connectors as serial ports COM A and COM B. The ports are 16550A high speed communication ports that send/receive 16 bytes FIFOs. You can attach a serial mouse or other serial devices directly to them.



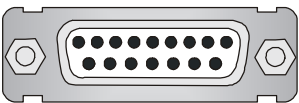
Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	DCD	Data Carry Detect
2	SIN	Serial In or Receive Data
3	SOUT	Serial Out or Transmit Data
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready)
5	GND	Ground
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request To Send
8	CTS	Clear To Send
9	RI	Ring Indicate

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## Joystick/Midi Connectors

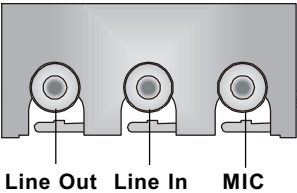
You can connect a joystick or game pad to this connector.



## Audio Port Connectors

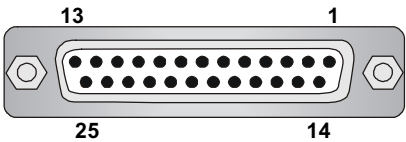
**Line Out** is a connector for Speakers or Headphones. **Line In** is used for external CD player, Tape player, or other audio devices. **Mic** is a connector for microphones.

1/8" Stereo Audio Connectors



Parallel Port Connector: LPT1

The mainboard provides a 25-pin female centronic connector for LPT. A parallel port is a standard printer port that supports Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) and Extended Capabilities Parallel Port (ECP) mode.

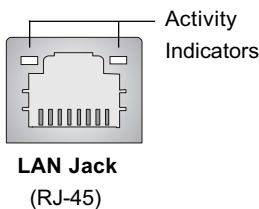


Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	STROBE	Strobe
2	DATA0	Data0
3	DATA1	Data1
4	DATA2	Data2
5	DATA3	Data3
6	DATA4	Data4
7	DATA5	Data5
8	DATA6	Data6
9	DATA7	Data7
10	ACK#	Acknowledge
11	BUSY	Busy
12	PE	Paper End
13	SELECT	Select
14	AUTO FEED#	Automatic Feed
15	ERR#	Error
16	INIT#	Initialize Printer
17	SLIN#	Select In
18	GND	Ground
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground
21	GND	Ground
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	GND	Ground
25	GND	Ground

**RJ-45 LAN Jack (Optional)**

The mainboard provides an RJ-45 connector that allows your computer to be connected to a network environment.



Pin	Signal	Description
1	TDP	Transmit differential pair
2	TDN	Transmit differential pair
3	RDP	Receive differential pair
4	NC	Not used
5	NC	Not used
6	RDN	Receive differential pair
7	NC	Not used
8	NC	Not used

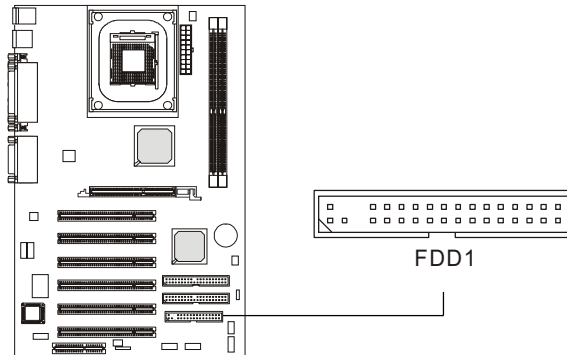


## Connectors

The mainboard provides connectors to connect to FDD, IDE HDD, case, modem, LAN, USB Ports, IR module and CPU/System FAN.

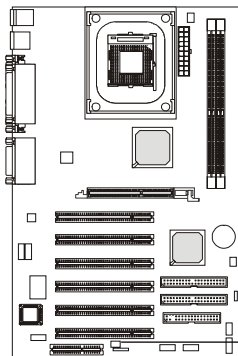
### Floppy Disk Drive Connector: FDD1

The mainboard provides a standard floppy disk drive connector that supports 360K, 720K, 1.2M, 1.44M and 2.88M floppy disk types.



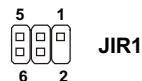
### IrDA Infrared Module Header: JIR1

This connector allows you to connect to IrDA Infrared modules. You must configure the setting through the BIOS setup to use the IR function. The JIR1 is compliant to Intel Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



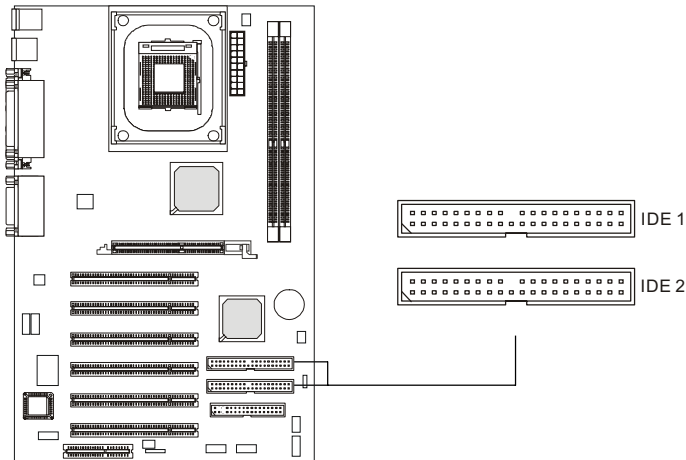
**JIR1 Pin Definition**

Pin	Signal
1	NC
2	NC
3	VCC5
4	GND
5	IRTX
6	IRRX



## Hard Disk Connectors: IDE1 & IDE2

The mainboard has a 32-bit Enhanced PCI IDE and Ultra DMA 33/66/100 controller that provides PIO mode 0~4, Bus Master, and Ultra DMA/33/66/100 function. You can connect up to four hard disk drives, CD-ROM, 120MB Floppy (reserved for future BIOS) and other devices. These connectors support the provided IDE hard disk cable.



### IDE1 (Primary IDE Connector)

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1. IDE1 can connect a Master and a Slave drive. You must configure second hard drive to Slave mode by setting the jumper accordingly.

### IDE2 (Secondary IDE Connector)

IDE2 can also connect a Master and a Slave drive.

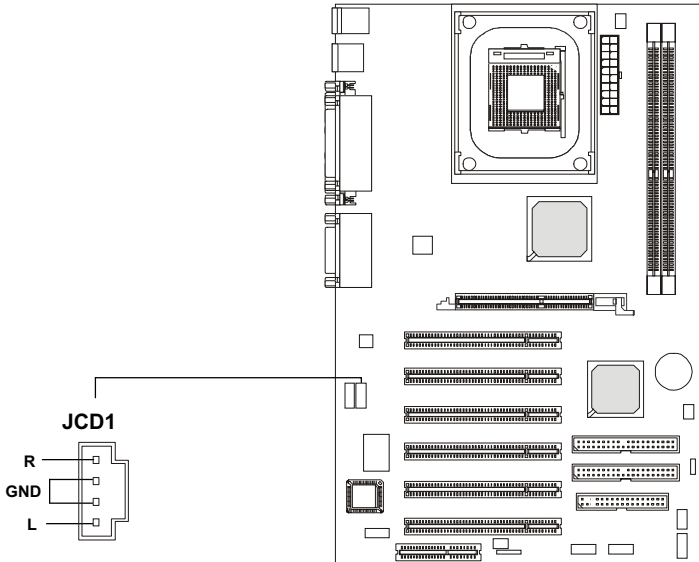


#### **TIP:**

*If you install two hard disks on cable, you must configure the second drive to Slave mode by setting its jumper. Refer to the hard disk documentation supplied by hard disk vendors for jumper setting instructions.*

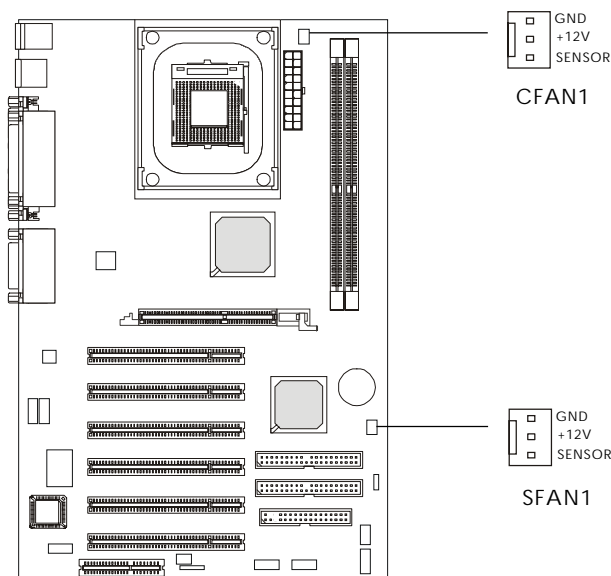
## CD-In Connector: JCD1

The connector is for CD-ROM audio connector.



## Fan Power Connectors: CFAN1/SFAN1

The CFAN1 (processor fan) and SFAN1 (system fan) support system cooling fan with +12V. It supports three-pin head connector. When connecting the wire to the connectors, always take note that the red wire is the positive and should be connected to the +12V, the black wire is Ground and should be connected to GND. If the mainboard has a System Hardware Monitor chipset on-board, you must use a specially designed fan with speed sensor to take advantage of the CPU fan control.

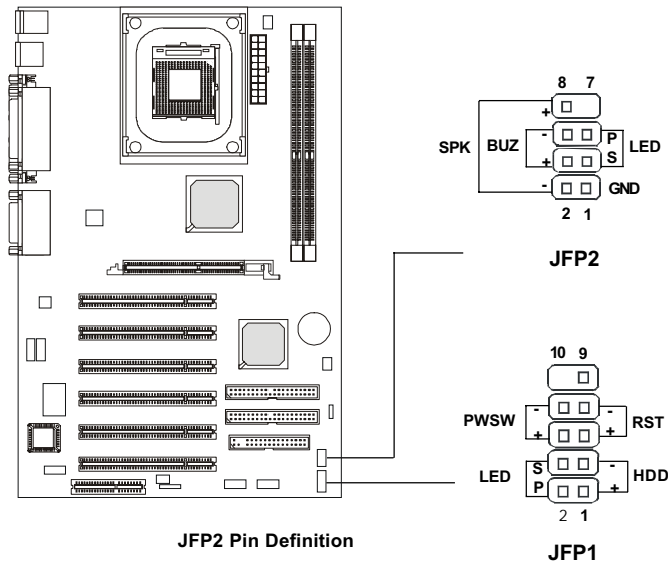


### Note:

1. Always consult the vendor for proper CPU cooling fan.
2. CPU Fan supports the fan control. You can install the PC Alert utility that will automatically control the CPU Fan speed according to the actual CPU temperature.

Front Panel Connector: JFP1 & JFP2

The mainboard provides two front panel connectors for establishing electrical connection to the front panel switches and LEDs. Users can choose either JFP1 or JFP2. Both JFP1 and JFP2 are compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

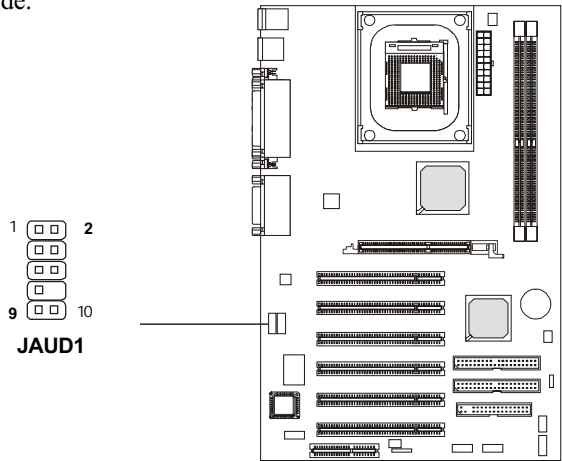


JFP1 Switch/LED Front Panel Electrical Connection

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED pull-up to +5V
2	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up to +5V
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk active LED
4	FP PWR/SLP	MSG LED pull-up to +5V
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch low reference pull-down to GND
6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch high reference pull-up to +5V
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch high reference pull-up to +5V
8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch low reference pull-down to GND
9	RSVD_DNU	Reserved. Do not use.

Front Panel Audio Connector: JAUD1 (optional)

You can connect an audio connector to the JAUD1 front panel audio connector. The JAUD1 is compliant to Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.

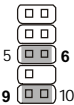


Pin Definition

PIN	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
1	AUD_MIC	Front panel microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by analog audio circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by analog audio circuits
5	AUD_FPOUT_R	Right channel audio signal to front panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right channel audio signal return from front panel
7	HP_ON	Reserved for future use to control headphone amplifier
8	KEY	No pin
9	AUD_FPOUT_L	Left channel audio signal to front panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left channel audio signal return from front panel

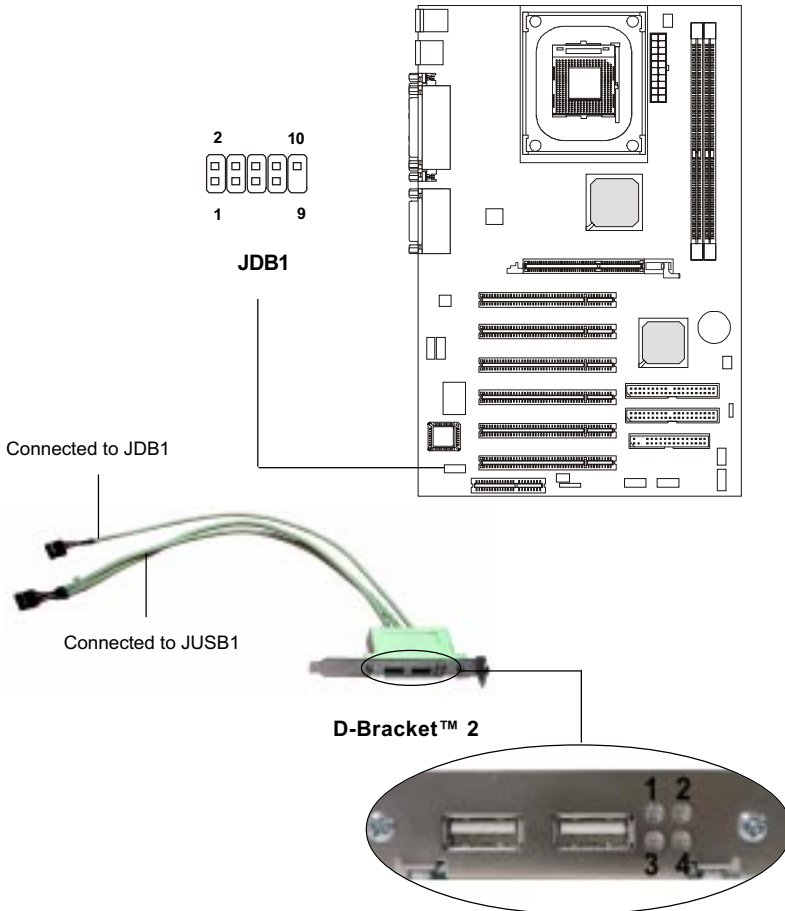


**Note:**  
*If you don't want to connect to the front audio header, pins 5 and 6, 9 and 10 have to be shorted by jumper caps in order to have signal output directed to the rear audio ports.*



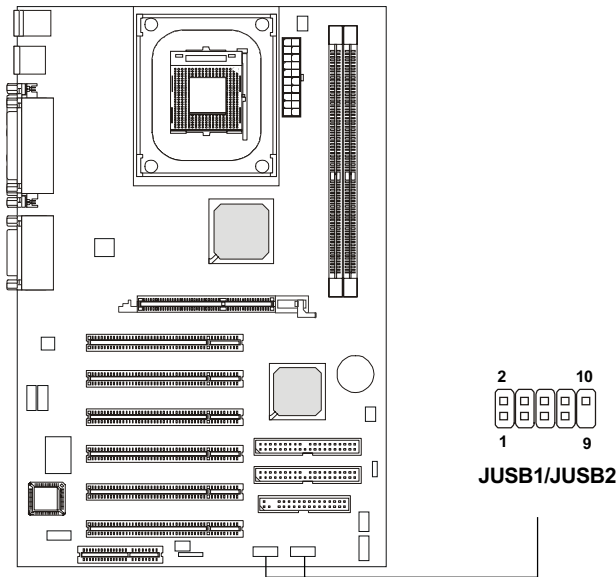
## D-Bracket™ 2 Connector: JDB1

The D-Bracket™ 2 connector supports both USB 1.1 & 2.0 spec. D-Bracket™ 2 is a USB Bracket integrating four LEDs and allows users to identify system problem through 16 various combinations of LED signals. For definitions of 16 signal combinations, please refer to *Chapter 1. D-Bracket™ 2*.



Front USB Connector: JUSB1 & JUSB2

The mainboard comes with two USB 2.0 compliant connectors, USB1 & USB2 (optional USB 2.0 Bracket available). USB 2.0 technology increases the data transfer rate up to a maximum throughput of 480Mbps, which is 40 times faster than USB 1.1, and is ideal for connecting high-speed USB interface peripherals, such as **USB HDD, digital cameras, MP3 players, printers, modems and the like**. Both JUSB1 & JUSB2 are compliant with Intel® Front Panel I/O Connectivity Design Guide.



JUSB1/JUSB2 Pin Definition

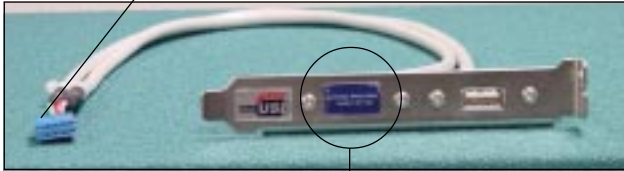
Pin	Description	Pin	Description
1	USBPWR	2	USBPWR
3	USBP0-	4	USBP1-
5	USBP0+	6	USBP1+
7	GND	8	GND
9	NC	10	USBOC



**To Attach the Optional USB 2.0 Ports:**

1. Take out the USB 2.0 bracket
2. Locate the blue USB connector (JUSB2) on the motherboard.
3. Connect the USB cable from the USB 2.0 bracket to the JUSB2 connector.

Connecting to JUSB2 (the  
USB connector in blue color)



**USB 2.0 Bracket**

If no Bluetooth function is applied, remove the sticker to utilize this port.

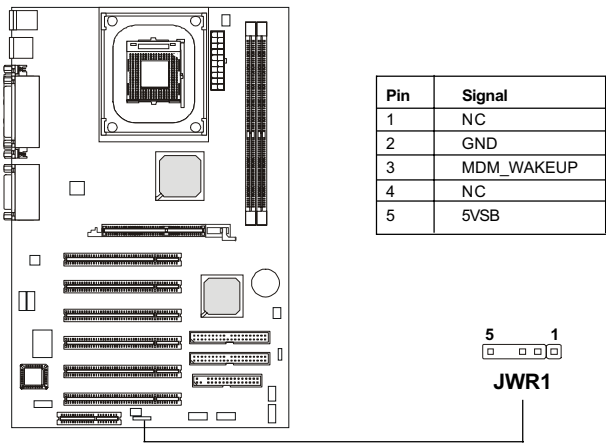
4. Place the USB 2.0 bracket into the appropriate slot of the system case.



**Note:** The USB 2.0 controller supports both USB 2.0 & 1.1 spec. To use the USB 2.0 ports, you still need to install USB 2.0 drivers, which is supplied by Microsoft for Windows® 2000 and XP. If you have questions regarding USB 2.0 drivers, please visit the Microsoft Web site for more information.

## Wake On Ring Connector: JWR1

This connector allows you to connect to a modem card with Wake On Ring function. The connector will power up the system when a signal is received through the modem card.

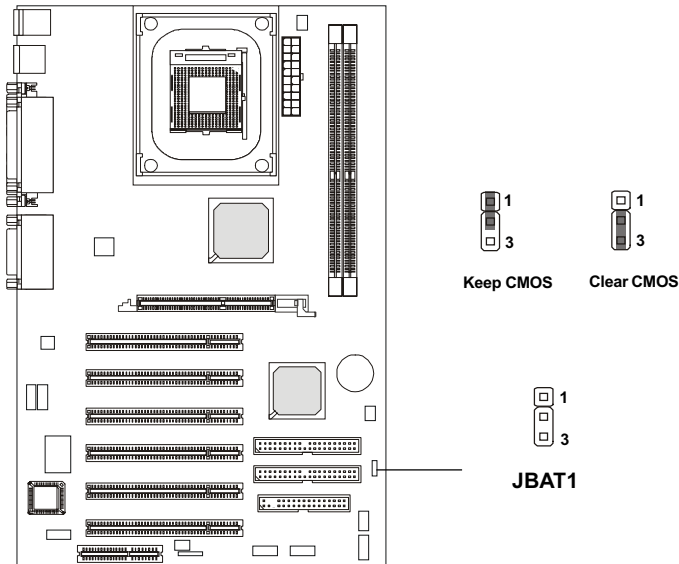


## Jumpers

The motherboard provides one jumper for you to set the computer's function. This section will explain how to change your motherboard's function through the use of the jumper.

### Clear CMOS Jumper: JBAT1

There is a CMOS RAM on board that has a power supply from external battery to keep the data of system configuration. With the CMOS RAM, the system can automatically boot OS every time it is turned on. That battery has long life time for at least 5 years. If you want to clear the system configuration, use the JBAT1 (Clear CMOS Jumper ) to clear data. Follow the instructions below to clear the data:



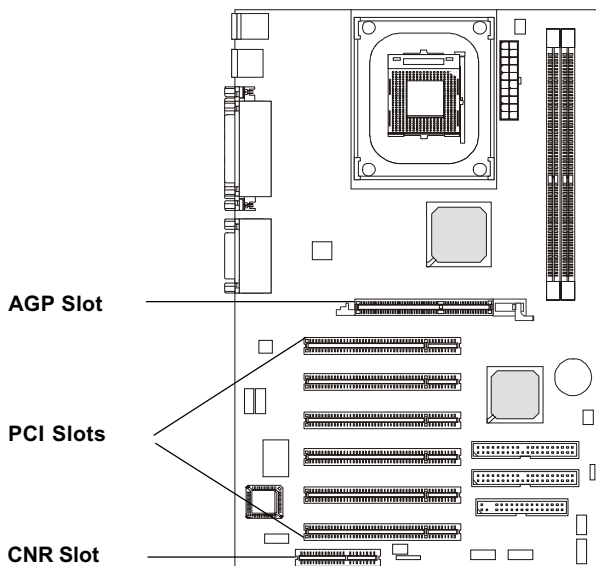
#### **WARNING!**

*You can clear CMOS by shorting 2-3 pin while the system is off. Then return to 1-2 pin position. Avoid clearing the CMOS while the system is on; it will damage the mainboard.*

## Slots

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The motherboard provides six 32-bit Master PCI bus slots, one AGP slot and one CNR slot.



### AGP (Accelerated Graphics Port) Slot

The AGP slot allows you to insert the AGP graphics card. AGP is an interface specification designed for the throughput demands of 3D graphics. It introduces a 66MHz, 32-bit channel for the graphics controller to directly access main memory and provides three levels of throughputs: 1x (266Mbps), 2x (533Mbps) and 4x (1.07Gbps).

Please note that the AGP slot does not support 3.3V AGP card. Use of 3.3V AGP card may cause damages to the mainboard. To avoid the risk of causing permanent damages to the mainboard, the AGP slot is protected with MSI electrical routing device. If users have inserted a 3.3V AGP card into the slot, the MSI routing device will disable the computer's boot-up system. Remove the 3.3V AGP card and the boot-up system will return to normal.

**Attention!**

DO NOT use the following AGP cards which would result in failure to restart the system. The following list is subject to change without prior notice.

<b>Model</b>	<b>AGP Chip</b>
ATI Xpert2000	3D RAGE 128VR
ATI Rage Furry Maxx	3D RAGE 128 Pro
Diamond Monster Fusion	3DFX VooDoo Banshee
Hercules KYRO II 4500	
Leadtek Winfast VR300	SiS300
Matrox Millennium G400	G4+MDHA32G
STB 3Dfx VooDoo3 3500TV	3Dfx VooDoo 3500TV

## PCI Slots

Six PCI slots allow you to insert the expansion cards to meet your needs. When adding or removing expansion cards, make sure that you unplug the power supply first. Meanwhile, read the documentation for the expansion card to make any necessary hardware or software settings for the expansion card, such as jumpers, switches or BIOS configuration.

## CNR (Communication Network Riser)

The CNR slot allows you to insert the CNR expansion cards. CNR is a specially designed network, audio, or modem riser card for ATX family motherboards. Its main processing is done through software and controlled by the motherboard's chipset.

## PCI Interrupt Request Routing

The IRQ, abbreviation of interrupt request line and pronounced I-R-Q, are hardware lines over which devices can send interrupt signals to the microprocessor. The PCI IRQ pins are typically connected to the PCI bus INT A# ~ INT D# pins as follows:

	Order 1	Order 2	Order 3	Order 4
PCI Slot 1	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#
PCI Slot 2	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 3	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#
PCI Slot 4	INT D#	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#
PCI Slot 5	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#	INT A#
PCI Slot 6	INT A#	INT B#	INT C#	INT D#

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# *AMI BIOS Setup*

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This chapter provides information on the BIOS Setup program and allows you to configure the system for optimum use.

You may need to run the Setup program when:

- An error message appears on the screen during the system booting up, and requests you to run SETUP.
- You want to change the default settings for customized features.

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## Entering Setup

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Power on the computer and the system will start POST (Power On Self Test) process. When the message below appears on the screen, press <DEL> key to enter Setup.

DEL: Setup      F11: Boot Menu      F12: Network boot      TAB: Logo

If the message disappears before you respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system by turning it OFF and On or pressing the RESET button. You may also restart the system by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt>, and <Delete> keys.

## Selecting the First Boot Device

You are allowed to select the 1st boot device without entering the BIOS setup utility by pressing <F11>. When the same message as listed above appears on the screen, press <F11> to trigger the boot menu.

The POST messages might pass by too quickly for you to respond in time. If so, restart the system and press <F11> after around 2 or 3 seconds to activate the boot menu similar to the following.

Select First Boot Device		
Floppy	:	1st Floppy
IDE-0	:	IBM-DTLA-307038
CDROM	:	ATAPI CD-ROM DRIVE 40X M
[Up/Dn] Select	[RETURN] Boot	[ESC] cancel

The boot menu will list all the bootable devices. Select the one you want to boot from by using arrow keys and then pressing <Enter>. The system will boot from the selected device. The selection will not make changes to the settings in the BIOS setup utility, so next time when you power on the system, it will still use the original first boot device to boot up.



## Control Keys

<↑>	Move to the previous item
<↓>	Move to the next item
<←>	Move to the item in the left hand
<→>	Move to the item in the right hand
<Enter>	Select the item
<Esc>	Jumps to the Exit menu or returns to the main menu from a submenu
<+/PU>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<-/PD>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F5>	Restore the previous CMOS value from CMOS, only for Option Page Setup Menu
<F6>	Load High Performance Defaults
<F7>	Load BIOS Setup Defaults
<F10>	Save all the CMOS changes and exit

## Getting Help

After entering the Setup utility, the first screen you see is the Main Menu.

### Main Menu

The main menu displays the setup categories the BIOS supplies. You can use the arrow keys ( ↑↓ ) to select the item. The on-line description for the selected setup category is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

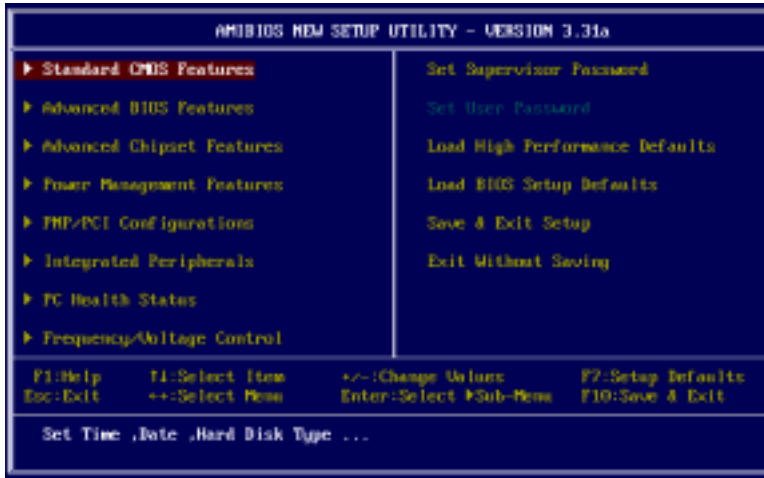
### Default Settings

The BIOS setup program contains two kinds of default settings: the BIOS Setup and High Performance defaults. Bios Setup defaults provide stable but minimal performance settings for all devices and the system, while High Performance defaults provide the best system performance but may affect the system stability.

## The Main Menu

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Once you enter AMIBIOS SIMPLE SETUP UTILITY, the Main Menu will appear on the screen. The Main Menu displays twelve configurable functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu.



### Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu for basic system configurations, such as time, date etc.

### Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to setup the items of AMI® special enhanced features.

### Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

### Power Management Setup

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

### PNP/PCI Configurations

This entry appears if your system supports PnP/PCI.

### **Integrated Peripherals**

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

### **PC Health Status**

This entry shows your PC health status.

### **Frequency/Voltage Control**

Use this menu to specify your settings of frequency/voltage control.

### **Set Supervisor Password**

Use this menu to set Supervisor Password.

### **Set User Password**

Use this menu to set User Password.

### **Load High Performance Defaults**

Use this menu to load the BIOS values for the best system performance, but the system stability may be affected.

### **Load BIOS Setup Defaults**

Use this menu to load factory default settings into the BIOS for stable system performance operations.

### **Save & Exit Setup**

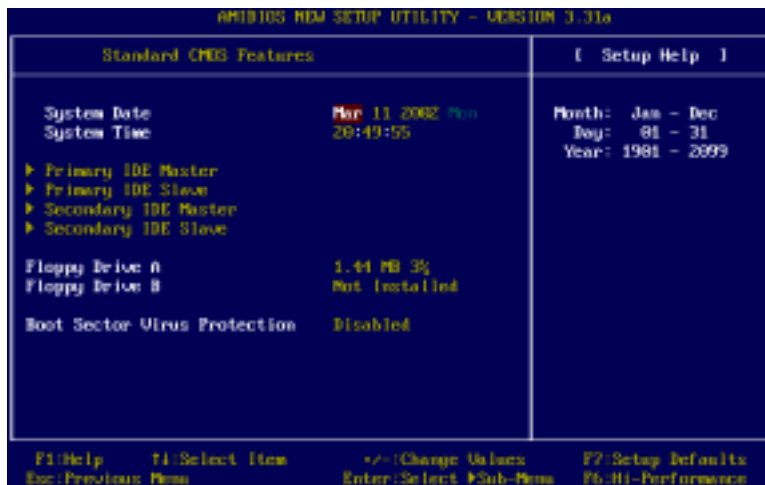
Save changes to CMOS and exit setup.

### **Exit Without Saving**

Abandon all changes and exit setup.

## Standard CMOS Features

The items inside STANDARD CMOS SETUP menu are divided into 9 categories. Each category includes none, one or more setup items. Use the arrow keys to highlight the item you want to modify and use the <PgUp> or <PgDn> keys to switch to the value you prefer.



### Date

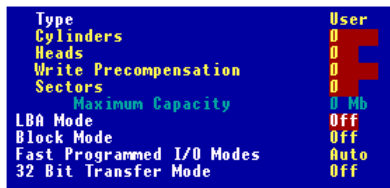
This allows you to set the system to the date that you want (usually the current date). The format is <day><month> <date> <year>.

- day** Day of the week, from Sun to Sat, determined by BIOS. Read-only.
- month** The month from Jan. through Dec.
- date** The date from 1 to 31 can be keyed by numeric function keys.
- year** The year can be adjusted by users.

### Time

This allows you to set the system time that you want (usually the current time). The time format is <hour> <minute> <second>.

## Pri Master/Pri Slave/Sec Master/Sec Slave



Press PgUp/<+> or PgDn/<-> to select the hard disk drive type. The specification of hard disk drive will show up on the right hand according to your selection.

Type	Select how to define the HDD parameters
Cylinders	Enter cylinder number
Heads	Enter head number
Write Precompensation	Enter write precomp cylinder
Sectors	Enter sector number
Maximum Capacity	Read the maximal HDD capacity
LBA Mode	Select <i>Auto</i> for a hard disk > 512 MB under Windows and DOS, or <i>Disabled</i> under Netware and UNIX
Block Mode	Select <i>Auto</i> to enhance the hard disk performance
Fast Programmed I/O Modes	Select <i>Auto</i> to enhance hard disk performance by optimizing the hard disk timing
32 Bit Transfer Mode	Enable 32 bit to maximize the IDE had disk data transfer rate

## Floppy Drive A:/B:

This item allows you to set the type of floppy drives installed. Available options: *Not Installed*, *1.2 MB 5¼*, *720 KB 3½*, *1.44 MB 3½* and *2.88 MB 3½*.

## Boot Sector Virus Protection

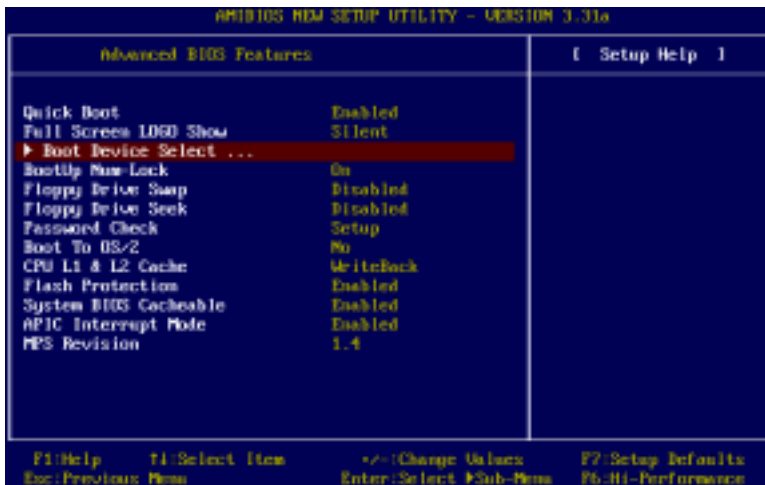
The item is to set the Virus Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. When *Enabled*, BIOS will issue a virus warning message and beep if a write to the boot sector or the partition table of the HDD is attempted. Setting options: *Disabled* and *Enabled*.



**Note:** This feature only protects the boot sector, not the whole hard disk.

## Advanced BIOS Features

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### Quick Boot

Setting the item to *Enabled* allows the system to boot within 5 seconds since it will skip some check items. Available options: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

### Full Screen Logo Show

This item enables you to show the company logo on the bootup screen. Settings are:

<i>BIOS</i>	Shows the POST messages at boot.
<i>Silent</i>	Shows a still image (logo) on the full screen at boot.

### Boot Device Select




### 1st/2nd/3rd Boot

The items allow you to set the sequence of boot devices where AMIBIOS attempts to load the operating system. The settings are:

<i>Disabled</i>	Disable this sequence.
<i>IDE-0</i>	The system will boot from the first HDD.

<i>IDE-1</i>	The system will boot from the second HDD.
<i>IDE-2</i>	The system will boot from the third HDD.
<i>IDE-3</i>	The system will boot from the fourth HDD.
<i>Floppy</i>	The system will boot from floppy drive.
<i>ARMD-FDD</i>	The system will boot from any ARMD device, such as LS-120 or ZIP drive, that functions as a floppy drive.
<i>ARMD-HDD</i>	The system will boot from ARMD device, such as MO or ZIP drive, that functions as hard disk drive.
<i>CDROM</i>	The system will boot from the CD-ROM.
<i>Legacy SCSI</i>	The system will boot from the SCSI.
<i>Legacy Network</i>	The system will boot from the Network drive.
<i>BBS-0</i>	The system will boot from the first BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
<i>BBS-1</i>	The system will boot from the second BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
<i>BBS-2</i>	The system will boot from the third BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.
<i>BBS-3</i>	The system will boot from the fourth BBS (BIOS Boot Specification) compliant device.

 **Note:** Available settings for “1st/2nd/3rd Boot Device” vary depending on the bootable devices you have installed. For example, if you did not install a floppy drive, the setting “Floppy” does not show up.

### **Try Other Boot Devices**

Setting the option to *Yes* allows the system to try to boot from other devices if the system fails to boot from the 1st/2nd/3rd boot device.

### **BootUp Num-Lock**

This item is to set the Num Lock status when the system is powered on. Setting to *On* will turn on the Num Lock key when the system is powered on. Setting to *Off* will allow end users to use the arrow keys on the numeric keypad. Setting options: *On* and *Off*.

### Floppy Drive Swap

Setting to *Enabled* will swap floppy drives A: and B:.

### Floppy Drive Seek

This setting causes the BIOS to search for floppy disk drives at boot time. When enabled, the BIOS will activate the floppy disk drives during the boot process: the drive activity light will come on and the head will move back and forth once. First A: will be done and then B: if it exists. Setting options: *Disabled*, *Enabled*.

### Password Check

This specifies the type of AMIBIOS password protection that is implemented. Setting options are described below.

Option	Description
Setup	The password prompt appears only when end users try to run Setup.
Always	A password prompt appears every time when the computer is powered on or when end users try to run Setup.

### Boot to OS/2

This allows you to run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. When you choose *No*, you cannot run the OS/2® operating system with DRAM larger than 64MB. But it is possible if you choose *Yes*.

### CPU L1 & L2 Cache

Cache memory is additional memory that is much faster than conventional DRAM (system memory). When the CPU requests data, the system transfers the requested data from the main DRAM into cache memory, for even faster access by the CPU. The settings enable/disable the internal cache (also known as L1 or level 1 cache) and external cache (also known as L2 or level 2 cache). Setting options: *WriteBack*, *WriteThru*. *WriteBack* & *WriteThru* refer to the cache's write policy, which determines how it handles writes to memory locations that are currently being held in cache. The *WriteBack* cache policy will produce the best performance.



**Flash Protection**

This function protects the BIOS from accidental corruption by unauthorized users or computer viruses. When enabled, the BIOS' data cannot be changed when attempting to update the BIOS with a Flash utility. To successfully update the BIOS, you will need to disable this Flash Protection function. Settings: *Disabled, Enabled*.

**System BIOS Cacheable**

Selecting *Enabled* allows caching of the system BIOS ROM at F0000h-FFFFFh, resulting in better system performance. However, if any program writes to this memory area, a system error may result. Setting options: *Enabled, Disabled*.

**APIC Interrupt Mode**


This field is used to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller). Due to compliance with PC2001 design guide, the system is able to run in APIC mode. Enabling APIC mode will expand available IRQ resources for the system. Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

**MPS Revision**

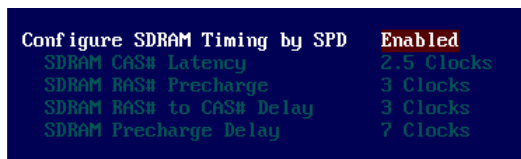
This field allows you to select which MPS (Multi-Processor Specification) version to be used for the operating system. You need to select the MPS version supported by your operating system. To find out which version to use, consult the vendor of your operating system. Settings: *1.4* and *1.1*.

## Advanced Chipset Features



 **Note:** Change these settings only if you are familiar with the chipset.

### DRAM Timing Setting



#### Configure SDRAM Timing by SPD

This feature allows you to select if the SDRAM timing is controlled by the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) EEPROM on the DRAM module. Select **Enabled** and SDRAM CAS# Latency, SDRAM RAS# Precharge, SDRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay, and SDRAM Precharge Delay will be automatically determined by BIOS based on the configurations on the SPD. Selecting **Disabled** allows users to configure the options manually.

#### SDRAM CAS# Latency

The field controls the CAS latency, which determines the timing delay before SDRAM starts a read command after receiving it. Setting options: *2.5 Clocks*, *2 Clocks*. *2 Clocks* increases system performance while *2.5 Clocks* provides more stable system performance.

### **SDRAM RAS# Precharge**

This setting controls the number of cycles for Row Address Strobe (RAS) to be allowed to precharge. If insufficient time is allowed for the RAS to accumulate its charge before DRAM refresh, refresh may be incomplete and DRAM may fail to retain data. This item applies only when synchronous DRAM is installed in the system. Setting options: *3 Clocks, 2 Clocks*.

### **SDRAM RAS# to CAS# Delay**

When DRAM is refreshed, both rows and columns are addressed separately. This setup item allows you to determine the timing of the transition from RAS (row address strobe) to CAS (column address strobe). The less the clock cycles, the faster the DRAM performance. Settings: *3 Clocks, 2 Clocks*.

### **SDRAM Precharge Delay**

This setting controls the precharge delay, which determines the timing delay for DRAM precharge. Setting options: *7 Clocks, 6 Clocks, 5 Clocks*.

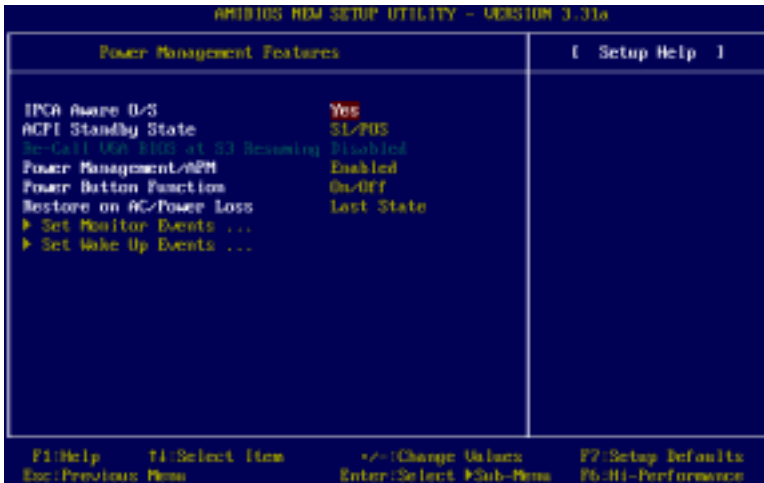
### **SDRAM Idle Timer**

This field determines the number of clocks the DRAM controller will remain in the idle state before it begins precharging all pages. Settings: *Infinite, 0 Clock, 8 Clocks, 16 Clocks, 64 Clocks*.

### **Memory Hole**

In order to improve performance, certain space in memory can be reserved for ISA peripherals. This memory must be mapped into the memory space below 16MB. When this area is reserved, it cannot be cached. Settings: *Disabled, 15MB-16MB*.

## Power Management Setup



### IPCA Aware O/S

This item is to activate the ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Management Interface) function. If your operating system is ACPI-aware, such as Windows 98SE/2000/ME, select *Yes*. Available options: *Yes* and *No*.

### ACPI Standby State

This item specifies the power saving modes for ACPI function. Options are:

- S1/POS*      The S1 sleep mode is a low power state. In this state, no system context is lost (CPU or chipset) and hardware maintains all system context.
- S3/STR*      The S3 sleep mode is a lower power state where the information of system configuration and open applications/files is saved to main memory that remains powered while most other hardware components turn off to save energy. The information stored in memory will be used to restore the system when an “wake up” event occurs.
- Auto*          The operating system will determine when to enter S1 or S3 mode.

### Re-Call VGA BIOS At S3 Resuming

This setting allows the system to initialize the VGA BIOS when system resumes from S3 (Suspend to RAM). Settings: *Enabled* and *Disabled*.

### Power Management/APM

Setting to *Enabled* will activate an Advanced Power Management (APM) device to enhance Max Saving mode and stop CPU internal clock. Settings are *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

### Power Button Function

This feature sets the function of the power button. Settings are:

- On/Off*      The power button is a normal power on/off function key.
- Suspend*      When you press the power button, the computer enters the suspend/sleep mode, but if the button is pressed for more than four seconds, the computer is turned off.

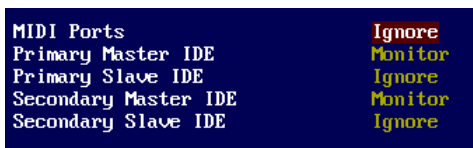
### Restore on AC/Power Loss

This setting specifies whether your system will reboot after a power failure or interrupts occurs. Available settings are:

- Power Off*      Leaves the computer in the power off state.
- Power On*      Reboots the computer.
- Last State*      Restores the system to the status before power failure or interrupt occurs.

### Set Monitor Events

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:



### MIDI Ports, Primary/Secondary Master/Slave IDE

These items specify if the BIOS will monitor the activity of the specified hardware peripheral or component. If set to *Monitor*, any activity detected on the specified hardware peripheral or component will wake up the system or prevent the system from entering the power saving modes. Settings: *Monitor* and *Ignore*.

## Set Wake Up Events

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

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Resume On Ring           Enabled
Resume On PME#           Enabled
Resume On RTC Alarm      Disabled
RTC Alarm Date           Every Day
RTC Alarm Hour           00
RTC Alarm Minute         00
RTC Alarm Second         00
USB Device Wakeup From S3 Disabled
Keyboard Wakeup From S3  Disabled
Specific Key for Wakeup  [ Enter ]
Mouse Wakeup From S3     Disabled
```

### Resume On Ring

When setting to *Enabled*, the feature allow your system to be awakened from the power saving mode through an incoming call from the modem. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.



**Note:** You need to install a modem supporting power on function for Wake Up On Ring function.

### Resume On PME#

When setting to *Enabled*, the features allow your system to be awakened from the power saving modes through any event on PME (Power Management Event). Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

### Resume On RTC Alarm

If *Resume On RTC Alarm* is set to *Enabled*, the system will automatically resume (boot up) on a specific date/hour/minute/second specified in these fields. Available settings for each item are:

<b>RTC Alarm Date</b>	01~31, Every Day
<b>RTC Alarm Hour</b>	00~23
<b>RTC Alarm Minute</b>	00~59
<b>RTC Alarm Second</b>	00~59



**Note:** If you change these settings, you must reboot the system until it enters the operating system and then power off the system. By doing so, the changed settings will come into effect next time when you power on the system.

### **USB Device Wakeup From S3**

These fields specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving modes when activity or input signal of the specified hardware peripheral or component is detected. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

### **Keyboard Wakeup From S3**

The item specify whether the system will be awakened from power saving mode when input signal of the keyboard is detected. Options are: *Disabled, Enabled*.

#### **Specific Key for Wakeup**

This feature allows you to enter the specific key (password) to initialize the system from S3 state.

### **Mouse Wakeup From S3**

The item activate the mouse to wake up the system from S3 sleep state. Settings: *Disabled, Enabled*.



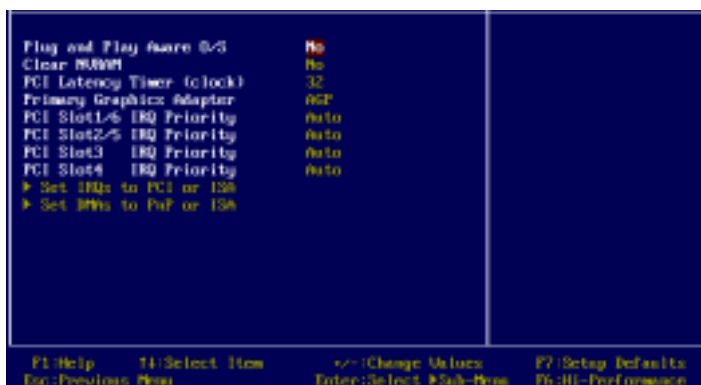
**Note 1:** *As for the “Specific key for Wakeup” function, once you have selected a specific key (password) for wakeup, you must enter the specific key (password) to init the system from power saving state.*

**Note 2:** *For the “Mouse Wakeup From S3” function, you need to double-click the mouse to power on the system if the function is enabled.*

## PNP/PCI Configurations

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This section describes configuring the PCI bus system and PnP (Plug & Play) feature. PCI, or Peripheral Component Interconnect, is a system which allows I/O devices to operate at speeds nearing the speed the CPU itself uses when communicating with its special components. This section covers some very technical items and it is strongly recommended that only experienced users should make any changes to the default settings.



### Plug and Play Aware O/S

When set to *YES*, BIOS will only initialize the PnP cards used for booting (VGA, IDE, SCSI). The rest of the cards will be initialized by the PnP operating system like Windows 98, 2000 or ME. When set to *NO*, BIOS will initialize all the PnP cards. Select *Yes* if the operating system is Plug & Play aware. Settings: *Yes, No*.

### Clear NVRAM

The ESCD (Extended System Configuration Data) NVRAM (Non-volatile Random Access Memory) is where the BIOS stores resource information for both PNP and non-PNP devices in a bit string format. When the item is set to *Yes*, the system will reset ESCD NVRAM right after the system is booted up and then set the setting of the item back to *No* automatically. Settings: *Yes, No*.



### PCI Latency Timer (clock)

This item controls how long each PCI device can hold the bus before another takes over. When set to higher values, every PCI device can conduct transactions for a longer time and thus improve the effective PCI bandwidth. For better PCI performance, you should set the item to higher values. Settings range from 32 to 248 at a 32 increment.

### Primary Graphics Adapter

This item specifies which VGA card is your primary graphics adapter. Settings: *AGP* and *PCI*.

### PCI Slot 1/6 IRQ, PCI Slot 2/5 IRQ, PCI Slot 3 & 4 IRQ Priority

These items specify the IRQ line for each PCI slot. Settings: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and *Auto*. Selecting *Auto* allows BIOS to automatically determine the IR line for each PCI slot.

### Set IRQs to PCI or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:

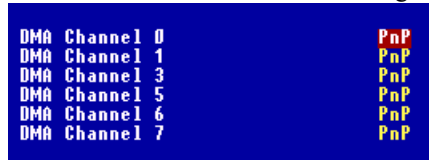
IRQ3	PCI/PnP
IRQ4	PCI/PnP
IRQ5	PCI/PnP
IRQ7	PCI/PnP
IRQ9	PCI/PnP
IRQ10	PCI/PnP
IRQ11	PCI/PnP
IRQ14	PCI/PnP
IRQ15	PCI/PnP

### IRQ 3/4/5/7/9/10/11/14/15

These items specify the bus where the specified IRQ line is used. The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove an IRQ from the pool of available IRQs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available IRQ pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more IRQs must be removed from the IRQ pool, the end user can use these settings to reserve the IRQ by assigning an *ISA/EISA* setting to it. Onboard I/O is configured by AMIBIOS. All IRQs used by onboard I/O are configured as *PCI/PnP*. If all IRQs are set to *ISA/EISA*, and IRQ 14/15 are allocated to the onboard PCI IDE, IRQ 9 will still be available for PCI and PnP devices. Available settings: *ISA/EISA* and *PCI/PnP*.

### Set DMAs to PnP or ISA

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:



DMA Channel 0	PnP
DMA Channel 1	PnP
DMA Channel 3	PnP
DMA Channel 5	PnP
DMA Channel 6	PnP
DMA Channel 7	PnP

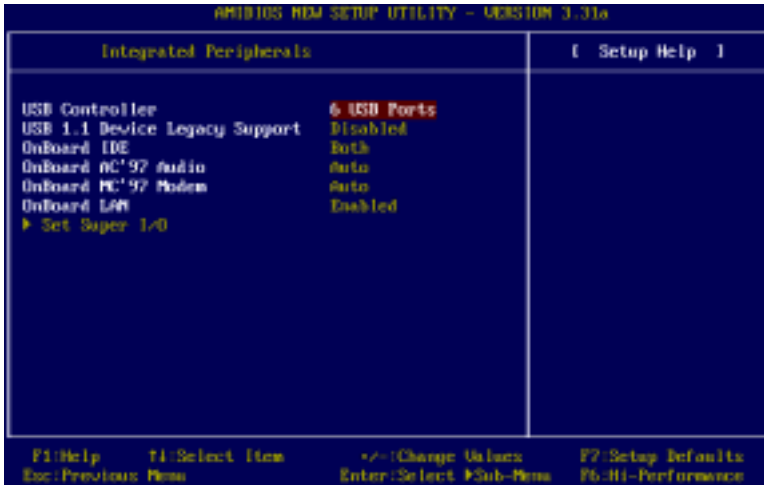
#### DMA Channel 0/1/3/5/6/7

These items specify the bus that the system DMA (Direct Memory Access) channel is used.

The settings determine if AMIBIOS should remove a DMA from the available DMAs passed to devices that are configurable by the system BIOS. The available DMA pool is determined by reading the ESCD NVRAM. If more DMAs must be removed from the pool, the end user can reserve the DMA by assigning an *ISA/DISA* setting to it. Options: *PnP*, *ISA/EISA*.

## Integrated Peripherals

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### USB Controller

This setting is used to enable/disable the onboard USB ports. Settings: *Disabled, 2 USB ports, 4 USB port, 6 USB ports.*

### USB 1.1 Device Legacy Support

Set to *All Devices* if you need to use any USB 1.1 device in the operating system that does not have any USB 1.1 driver installed, such as DOS and SCO Unix. Set to *No Mice* only if you want to use any USB 1.1 device other than the USB mouse. Setting options: *All Device, No Mice, Disabled.*

### OnboardIDE

This allows you to enable or disable on-chip IDE controller. Settings: *Disabled, Primary, Secondary, both.*

### Onboard AC'97 Audio

*Enabled* allows the mainboard to detect whether an audio device is used. If the device is detected, the onboard AC'97 (Audio Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect an audio device. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled.*

### Onboard MC'97 Modem

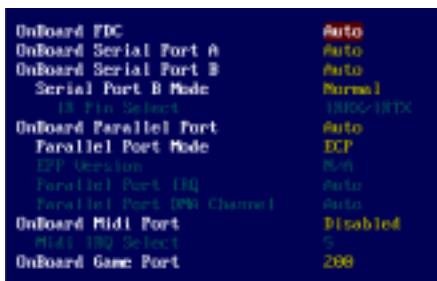
*Enabled* allows the mainboard to detect whether a modem is used. If a modem is used, the onboard MC'97 (Modem Codec'97) controller will be enabled; if not, it is disabled. Disable the controller if you want to use other controller cards to connect to a modem. Settings: *Enabled, Disabled*.

### Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN controller. Settings: *Disabled, Enabled*.

### Set Super I/O

Press <Enter> to enter the sub-menu and the following screen appears:



### OnBoard FDC

This is used to enable or disable the onboard Floppy controller.

Option	Description
Auto	BIOS will automatically determine whether to enable the onboard Floppy controller or not.
Enabled	Enables the onboard Floppy controller.
Disabled	Disables the onboard Floppy controller.

### OnBoard Serial Port A/B

These items specify the base I/O port addresses of the onboard Serial Port 1 (COM A)/Serial Port 2 (COM B). Selecting *Auto* allows AMIBIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Auto, 3F8/COM1, 2F8/COM2, 3E8/COM3, 2E8/COM4* and *Disabled*.

#### Serial Port B Mode

This item sets the operation mode for Serial Port B. Settings: *Normal, 1.6uS, 3/16 Baud* and *ASKIR* (the last three operation modes are setting

options for IR function).

### **IR Pin Select**

Set to *IRRX/IRTX* when using an internal IR module connected to the IR connector. Set to *SINB/SOUTB* when connecting an IR adapter to COM 2.

## **OnBoard Parallel Port**

These items specify the base I/O port addresses of the onboard parallel port. Selecting *Auto* allows AMIBIOS to automatically determine the correct base I/O port address. Settings: *Auto*, *378*, *278*, *3BC* and *Disabled*.

### **Parallel Port Mode**

This item selects the operation mode for the onboard parallel port: *ECP*, *Normal*, *Bi-Dir* or *EPP*.

### **EPP Version**

The item selects the EPP version used by the parallel port if the port is set to *EPP* mode. Settings: *1.7* and *1.9*.

### **Parallel Port IRQ**

When *Parallel Port* is set to *Auto*, the item shows *Auto* indicating that BIOS determines the IRQ for the parallel port automatically. Settings: *5*, *7*, *Auto*.

### **Parallel Port DMA Channel**

This feature needs to be configured only when *Parallel Port Mode* is set to the *ECP* mode. When *Parallel Port* is set to *Auto*, the field will show *Auto* indicating that BIOS automatically determines the DMA channel for the parallel port. Available options: *0*, *1*, *3*, *Auto*.

## **OnBoard Midi Port**

The field specifies the base I/O port address for the onboard Midi Port. The settings are: *Disabled*, *330*, *300*, *310* and *320*.

### **Midi IRQ Select**

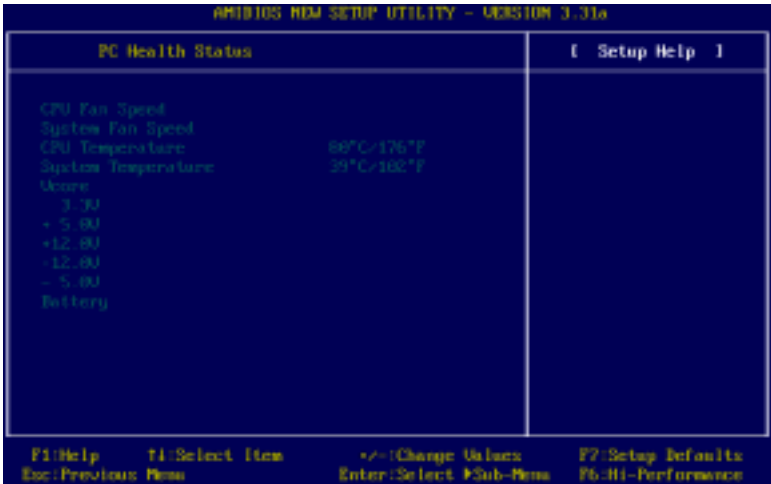
The item is used to select the IRQ line for onboard Midi port. Options: *3*, *4*, *5*, *7*, *10*, *11*.

## **OnBoard Game Port**

This item is used to specify the address for the onboard game port. The settings are: *Disabled*, *200*, and *208*.


## PC Health Status

This section shows the status of your CPU, fan, warning for overall system status.



**CPU / System Fan Speed, CPU / System Temperature, Vcore, 3.3 V, + 5.0 V, + 12.0 V, -12.0 V, -5.0 V, Battery**

These items display the current status of all of the monitored hardware devices/components such as system voltages, temperatures and fan speeds.

 **Note:** Changing CPU Vcore could result in unstable system; therefore, it is not recommended to change the default setting for long-term purpose.

## Frequency/Voltage Control

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This section describes how to set the Chassis Intrusion feature, CPU FSB frequency, monitor the current hardware status including CPU/system temperatures, CPU/System Fan speeds, Vcore etc. Monitor function is available only if there is hardware monitoring mechanism onboard.



### SDRAM Frequency

This item allows you to select the clock frequency of DDR DRAM. Settings: *Auto*, 200MHz, 266MHz.

### Spread Spectrum

When the motherboard clock generator pulses, the extreme values (spikes) of the pulses creates EMI (Electromagnetic Interference). The Spread Spectrum function reduces the EMI generated by modulating the pulses so that the spikes of the pulses are reduced to flatter curves. If you do not have any EMI problem, leave the setting at *Disabled* for optimal system stability and performance. But if you are plagued by EMI, setting to *Enabled* for EMI reduction. Remember to disable Spread Spectrum if you are overclocking because even a slight jitter can introduce a temporary boost in clockspeed which may just cause your overclocked processor to lock up. Available options: *Enabled*, *Disabled*.

### **CPU Ratio Selection**

This setting controls the multiplier that is used to determine the internal clock speed of the processor relative to the external or motherboard clock speed.

### **CPU FSB Clock (Mhz)**

This setting allows you to select the CPU Front Side Bus clock frequency. Setting options:

*100MHz~200MHz* at 1MHz increment for CPU FSB at 100MHz

*133MHz~233MHz* at 1MHz increment for CPU FSB at 133MHz

### **CPU Vcore Adjust**

This setting allows you to adjust the CPU core voltage. Settings: *Yes, No*. Please note that it may be dangerous to adjust the Vcore over 10%.

### **CPU Vcore**

Use this item to select a CPU Vcore option from 1.500V to 1.650V.

### **DDR/AGP Voltage Adjust**

This setting allows you to set the appropriate DDR/AGP voltage.

DDR Voltage settings: 2.5V~2.8V at 0.1V increment

AGP Voltage settings: 1.5V~1.8V at 0.1V increment



**Note 1:** *Changing CPU Vcore could result in an unstable system; therefore, it is not recommended to change the default setting for long-term purpose.*

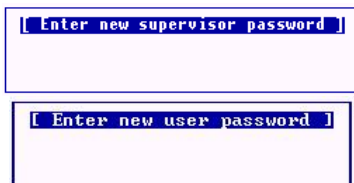
**Note 2:** *Adjusting the DDR voltage can increase the DDR speed. Any changes made to this setting may cause a stability issue. Therefore, it is not recommended to change the DDR voltage for long-term purpose.*



## Supervisor/User Password

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When you select Supervisor Password, a message as below will appear on the screen:



[ Enter new supervisor password ]

[ Enter new user password ]

Type the password, up to six characters in length, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will replace any previously set password from CMOS memory. You will be prompted to confirm the password. Retype the password and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection and not enter a password.

To clear a set password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter the password. A message will show up confirming the password will be disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter Setup without entering any password.

When a password has been set, you will be prompted to enter it every time you try to enter Setup. This prevents an unauthorized person from changing any part of your system configuration.

Additionally, when a password is enabled, you can also have AMIBIOS to request a password each time the system is booted. This would prevent unauthorized use of your computer. The setting to determine when the password prompt is required is the PASSWORD CHECK option of the ADVANCED BIOS FEATURES menu. If the PASSWORD CHECK option is set to *Always*, the password is required both at boot and at entry to Setup. If set to *Setup*, password prompt only occurs when you try to enter Setup.



### **About Supervisor Password & User Password:**

*Supervisor password:* Can enter and change the settings of the setup menu.

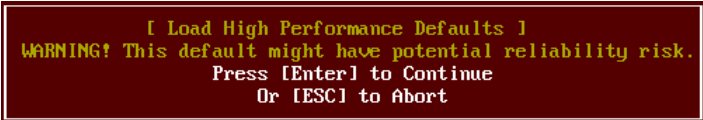
*User password:* Can only enter but do not have the right to change the settings of the setup menu.

## Load High Performance/BIOS Setup Defaults

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The two options on the main menu allow users to restore all of the BIOS settings to High Performance defaults or BIOS Setup defaults. The High Performance Defaults are the default values set by the mainboard manufacturer for the best system performance but probably will cause a stability issue. The BIOS Setup Defaults are the default values also set by the mainboard manufacturer for stable performance of the mainboard.


When you select Load High Performance Defaults, a message as below appears:



[ Load High Performance Defaults ]  
**WARNING! This default might have potential reliability risk.**  
Press [Enter] to Continue  
Or [ESC] to Abort

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the default BIOS values that enable the best system performance but may lead to a stability issue.

When you select Load BIOS Setup Defaults, a message as below appears:



[ Load BIOS Setup Defaults ]  
Press [Enter] to Continue  
Or [ESC] to Abort

Pressing ‘Y’ loads the default values that are factory settings for stable system performance.



***The option is for power or overclocking users only. Use of high performance defaults will tighten most timings to increase the system performance. Therefore, a high-end system configuration is a must, which means you need high-quality VGA adapter, RAM and so on. We don't recommend that users should apply the high performance defaults in their regular systems. Otherwise, the system may become unstable or even crash. If the system crashes or hangs after enabling the feature, please CLEAR CMOS DATA to resolve the problem. For more information, refer to "Clear CMOS Jumper:JBAT1" in Chapter 2.***

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## **ACPI** (*Advanced Configuration & Power Interface*)

This power management specification enables the OS (operating system) to control the amount of power given to each device attached to the computer. Windows 98/98SE, Windows 2000 and Windows ME can fully support ACPI to allow users managing the system power flexibly.

## **AGP** (*Accelerated Graphics Port*)

A new, high-speed graphics interface that based on PCI construction and designed especially for the throughput demands of 3-D graphics. AGP provides a direct channel (32-bit wide bus) between the display controller and main memory for high graphics quality and performance.

## **ATX**

A modern shape and layout of mainboard that supersedes the widely-used Baby AT form factor. It improves many placement of components and makes a more efficient design.

## **BIOS** (*basic input/output system*)

On PCs, an essential software that contains all the control code of input/output interface (such as keyboard, disk drives, etc.). It executes hardware test on booting the system, starts the OS, and provides an interface between the OS and the components. The BIOS is stored in a ROM chip.

## **Bus**

A set of hardware lines within the computer system, through which the data is transferred among different components. In a PC, the term *bus* usually refers to a local bus that connects the internal components to the CPU and main memory.

## **Cache**

A special memory subsystem that is used to speed up the data transfer. It stores the contents of frequently accessed RAM locations and the addresses where these data items are stored.

## **Chipset**

A collection of integrated chips designed to perform one or more related functions. For

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example, a modem chipset contains all the primary circuits for transmitting and receiving data; a PC chipset provides the electronic interfaces between all subsystems.

### **CMOS** (*complementary metal-oxide semiconductor*)

CMOS is a widely used type of semiconductor, which features high speed and low power consumption. PCs usually contain a small amount of battery-powered CMOS memory to retain the date, time, and system setup parameters.

### **COM**

In MS-DOS system, the name of a serial communications port. DOS supports four serial ports. For example, if a modem is connected to one serial port and a serial mouse to another, they are identified as COM1 and COM2.

### **DIMM** (*dual in-line memory module*)

A small circuit board that holds memory chips. A **SIMM** (*single in-line memory module*) has a 32-bit path to the memory chips whereas a DIMM has 64-bit path.

### **DRAM** (*Dynamic RAM*)

A most common type of computer memory. It usually uses one transistor and a capacitor to represent a bit. As the development of technology, the memory type and specification used in computer becomes variety, such as SDRAM, DDR SDRAM, and RDRAM. For further instruction, please see the table below:

<b>Dynamic RAM (DRAM) Memory Technologies</b>					
<b>Type</b>	<b>First Used</b>	<b>Clock Rate</b>	<b>Bus* Width</b>	<b>Peak Bandwidth</b>	<b>Volts</b>
FPM (60,70ns)	1990	25MHz	64 bits	200 MBps	5v
EDO (50,60,70ns)	1994	40MHz	64 bits	320 MBps	5v
SDRAM (66MHz)	1996	66MHz	64 bits	528 MBps	3.3v
SDRAM (100MHz)	1998	100MHz	64 bits	800 MBps	3.3v
SDRAM (133MHz)	1999	133MHz	64 bits	1.1 GBps	3.3v
RDRAM (Direct Rambus)	1999	400MHz	16 bits	1.6 GBps	2.5v
DDR SDRAM (100MHz)	2000	100MHz	64 bits	1.6 GBps	3.3v
DDR SDRAM (133MHz)	2000	133MHz	64 bits	2.1 GBps	3.3v
* Memory channel width (64 bits started with 75MHz Pentium)					

*Source: Computer Desktop Encyclopedia*

**ECC Memory** (*error correcting code memory*)

A type of memory that contains special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data and correcting the errors on the fly.

**IDE** (*Integrated Drive Electronics*)

A type of disk-drive interface widely used to connect hard disks, CD-ROMs and tape drives to a PC, in which the controller electronics is integrated into the drive itself, eliminating the need for a separate adapter card. The IDE interface is known as the ATA (AT Attachment) specification.

**IEEE 1394**

A new, high speed external bus standard, also known as *FireWire* or *iLink*, which supports data transfer rates of up to 400 Mbps for connecting up to 63 external devices.

**IrDA** (*Infrared Data Association*)

A group of device vendors, including computer, component and telecommunications, who have developed a standard for transmitting data via infrared light waves. This enables you to transfer data from one device to another without any cables.

**LAN** (*local area network*)

A computer network that covers a relatively smaller area, such as in a building or an enterprise. It is made up of servers, workstations, shared resources, a network operating system and a communications link. These individual PCs and devices on a LAN are known as “nodes”, and are connected by cables to access data and devices anywhere on the LAN, so that many users can share expensive devices and data.

**LED** (*light emitting diode*)

A semiconductor device that converts electrical energy into light. Since it lights up (usually red) when electricity is passed through it, it is usually used for the activity lights on computer’s component, such as disk drivers.

**LPT** (*line printer terminal*)

Logical device name for a line printer; a name reserved by the MS-DOS for up to three parallel printer ports: LPT1, LPT2, and LPT3. It is frequently used by the OS to identify a printer.

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### **PCI** (*Peripheral Component Interconnect*)

A local bus standard developed by Intel that first appeared on PCs in late 1993. PCI provides “plug and play” capability and allows IRQs to be shared. The PCI controller can exchange data with the system's CPU either 32 bits or 64 bits at a time.

### **PnP** (*Plug and Play*)

A set of specifications that allows a PC to configure itself automatically to work with peripherals. The user can “plug” in a peripheral device and “play” it without configuring the system manually. To implement this useful feature, both the BIOS that supports PnP and a PnP expansion card are required.

### **POST** (*Power On Self Test*)

During booting up your system, the BIOS executes a series of diagnostic tests, include checking the RAM, the keyboard, the disk drives, etc., to see if they are properly connected and operating.

### **PS/2 Port**

A type of port developed by IBM for connecting a mouse or keyboard to a PC. The PS/2 port supports a mini DIN plug containing just 6 pins. Most modern PCs equipped with PS/2 ports so that the special port can be used by another device, such as a modem.

### **USB** (*universal serial bus*)

A hardware interface for low-speed peripherals such as the keyboard, mouse, joystick, etc. USB provides a maximum bandwidth of 12 Mbit/sec (Mbps) for connecting up to 127 peripheral devices to PC. USB features hot swap capability and multiple data streams, allows external devices to be plugged in and unplugged without turning the system off.

### **Virus**

A program or a piece of code that infects computer files by inserting in those files copies of itself. The virus code is buried within an existing program, and is activated when that program is executed. All the viruses are man-made, and often have damaging side effects.